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Palestinian women break through police lines in Nablus yesterday while protesting against the Palestinian Authority. They demanded the release of relatives arrested during a raid on militants and tried to reach the building where PA President Yasser Arafat was to hold a council meeting. Two legislators met with them and promised to raise their grievances. (Reuters)

## Peres said to favor national unity gov't

**MICHAL YUDELMAN**  
PRIME Minister Shimon Peres tends to favor the option of a national unity government, Channel 1 reported yesterday. According to the report, Peres told people close to him, "I am not a private person" and "Labor must be a partner to the political process," comments indicating his support for establishing a unity government.  
Peres was also quoted as saying, "Labor cannot enter a government in which the peace process is not ensured" and "I don't need mediators. I have direct contact [with prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu] on every matter."  
Senior Labor sources say Peres is willing to consider a serious offer to join a unity government if it comes from Netanyahu, but that at this point the chances are still greater for a Likud government.  
Political observers believe that even after a coalition is put together, it will not be the final word, for Netanyahu is then expected to make a national unity offer to Labor.

Even if he only intends it as a courtesy, there are known to be a substantial number of Labor MKs who are eager to participate in a unity government. In that case, the thinking is that all of the Likud's partners will keep their portfolios, the number of ministers would be increased from the present 18, and the Likud and Labor would then have eight ministers each.  
Sources close to Peres said this week that, in addition to Peres, ministers Ehud Barak, Yossi Beilin, Avraham Shohat, and Benjamin Ben-Eliezer favor joining the Likud in a unity government. Peres aides counseling him to make this move, if it presents itself, maintain that Labor's influence and power would always be greater as part of the government than in opposition.  
Peres and Netanyahu have been maintaining frequent phone contact, and their two meetings were reported to be friendly, positive, and filled with cooperation and mutual respect.  
Peres made it clear yesterday that he has no intention of retiring from political life or from Labor's leadership, and intends to devote himself to the party's rehabilitation. Peres also does not intend to advance elections for Labor's leadership, which must take place within 14 months after the elections, according to the party's constitution.  
Peres stressed that he will not make any announcement concerning his future plans "until the next government is formed, which I hope will be next week. Then I will say what I have to say."  
Peres reportedly took a grim view of Foreign Minister Ehud Barak's attempts to advance Labor's leadership showdown, and may now consider Barak his rival. Labor sources said Barak made a mistake when he started pushing himself as Peres's successor at this early stage.  
The Channel 1 report suggested that if a unity government is ultimately formed, and Labor gets the Defense Ministry, it will be Peres who mans the post rather than Barak. In such a constellation, Barak might find himself facing a Peres-Haim Ramon front.  
Sarah Honig contributed to this report.

## 'Eitan investigation won't hold up coalition'

**SARAH HONIG and EVELYN GORDON**  
THE coalition-formation process will not be put on hold till the police investigation of Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan is completed, spokesmen for prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu stressed yesterday. They expect the new government to be formed before the investigation is concluded and Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair decides whether to indict Eitan.  
Meanwhile, Netanyahu intends to allocate portfolios as if there were no investigation and will hold in trust for Eitan the two portfolios reportedly earmarked for him - Internal Security and Agriculture.  
Ben-Yair's office refused to comment on the affair yesterday, except to say that a decision on whether to indict Eitan would be made within a week. Eitan is suspected of obtaining confidential personal data from the IDF computer database and using it to pressure fellow Tsomet activists into leaving the party.  
In particular, the attorney-general declined either to confirm or deny that he had ordered Eitan barred, not just from the Internal Security Ministry, but from any ministry with access to confidential databases. If such a directive was issued, however, an indictment will almost certainly follow. The only reasons for not filing an indictment are lack of evidence or lack of public interest - and if either of these elements were missing, there would also be no reason to bar Eitan from a ministry.  
Eitan met with the attorney-general yesterday morning and afterwards announced that he had requested that Netanyahu hold off his appointment until the investigation is over. "I am not pressing and asking for anything whatsoever," Eitan stressed.  
In both the Likud and Tsomet, the assumption is Eitan will eventually get the portfolios set aside for him, because all he could be convicted of would be a technical misdemeanor and not a crime involving moral turpitude. The 1992 High Court ruling which barred Aryeh Deri from being a minister explicitly stated that barring a person from a ministerial post would depend on the type of crime involved. The incident is being treated by those close to Netanyahu as less than a major obstacle on the road to coalition formation; at most as a minor pothole.  
In both parties there was considerable anger at the attorney-general, who was accused of pursuing a political agenda with sudden hyperactivity, resurrecting eight-year-old accusations against Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and Eitan's four-year-old case.  
Tsomet's Nehama Ronen, one of Eitan's aides and an unsuccessful candidate for the Knesset, asked yesterday, "How it is that only a week before Rafal's ministerial appointment, someone suddenly chooses to remember this forgotten, very questionable case. The attorney-general's behavior is more than curious. The country's top legal experts all concurred in conversations with us that there is nothing which can prevent Rafal from holding any portfolio at all."  
Eitan's right-hand man, Doron Shmueli, who accompanied him yesterday to his meeting with the attorney-general, contended that at the meeting "things sounded quite different from how they do in the media. This is the first time the attorney-general met with Rafal, despite four years of inattentiveness."  
"Ben-Yair told us that, as far as he can judge, Rafal is not barred from holding any portfolio whatsoever, including Defense. He explained that there is still one point in the case which is not clear to him. He did not elaborate or specify the point, but he wanted a week or two for the police to look into it and feels that it would be improper for Eitan to be in charge of the force while it investigates him."  
According to Shmueli, Ben-Yair said that, "There is no question of moral turpitude here. He agreed when I said that not to allow Rafal to head any office with access to classified files would be like barring anyone from serving as transport minister if he ever got a traffic ticket."  
Ben-Yair, right or wrong, Page 12

## NRP in as coalition talks seesaw

**SARAH HONIG**  
COALITION talks with the National Religious Party were back on track yesterday, but derailed with Yisrael Ba'aliya, which broke off talks claiming it is being discriminated against.  
Likud insiders, however, maintained that prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu remains intent on presenting his government next week to the Knesset, which convenes on Monday.  
Their optimism was buoyed by a radical improvement in relations with the NRP, which was reportedly pleased with the new offer put to it yesterday for a hefty second portfolio.  
A further breakthrough was reported over the nettlesome Religious Affairs portfolio. A rotation agreement has apparently been forged with hospitalized Shas leader Aryeh Deri.  
Contacts with United Torah Judaism and The Third Way are also reported going well (story, Page 12).  
The Third Way wants a firmer commitment on the Golan in the coalition guidelines, which is not seen as problematic.  
But the guidelines on religious affairs have not been finalized, and difficulties could arise with Yisrael Ba'aliya, which does not want a more stringent religious status quo.  
Yesterday's major development came in a meeting between Netanyahu and NRP leader Zevulun Hammer, when the NRP was offered a better second portfolio than Communications, which so insulted it a day earlier.  
The two agreed to keep the new offer strictly under wraps, which prevented Hammer from divulging the information even to members of his party's new Knesset faction.  
The upshot was a spate of speculation over which portfolio the NRP was offered in addition to Education. Among those named was Labor and Social Affairs (known to have previously been earmarked for Shas), or Industry and Trade (assumed to have been offered to Yisrael Ba'aliya), or Housing (already eagerly coveted by UTJ and YB and said to have been set aside for Ariel Sharon), or Transport (reportedly offered to Sharon along with Housing).  
Likud insiders do not rule out the possibility that Housing will go to UTJ and Transport to the NRP. They also say that, in the end, Sharon will be given Finance, but without the budget division, which is slated to be moved to the Prime Minister's Office.  
Another set of rumors floated yesterday claims that control of the Broadcasting Authority will not be moved from Education for the time being, and will be another candy offered Hammer. The opposing rumor is that Netanyahu is intent on privatizing the IBA, which Hammer opposes, and so the deal with Hammer was that the IBA would go to the Prime Minister's Office.  
Finally, if the Likud grapevine (Continued on Page 2)

## 'War raging' between secular and religious over planned synagogue

SOME 2,000 Karmiel residents staged a protest last night at the cornerstone-laying ceremony of a synagogue and mikve in a non-religious neighborhood, fearing that its construction will lead to the establishment of a haredi community there.  
During the protest, angry words were exchanged between residents of the Ha'irism neighborhood and haredim, and the two sides almost came to blows.  
A sign at the site indicates that a complex will be built by the Ma'ayan Hatorah organization which will include a synagogue, a study hall, a mikve and a library.  
"We are protesting the fact that they are building something haredi here in the middle of a non-religious neighborhood," said neighborhood resident Sigal Shaked. "And who says tomorrow they won't try to close off the street? They've already started asking about prices of homes here, and say the people are from Safed and have a lot of money to buy homes."  
Mayor Adi Eldar said the municipality is continuing to provide religious services just as it provides other necessary services. "In a relatively new neighborhood, which includes hundreds of homes, there must be a synagogue," he said, adding that for now only the synagogue would be built. "It's too bad that they're raging a world war over a synagogue in Karmiel," he added. (Itim)

## Netanyahu approves multinational monitoring group proposal

**DAVID MAKOVSKY**  
IN HIS first substantive foreign policy decision since his victory, prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu approved a proposal for the formation of a multinational monitoring group, which was to be established in the aftermath of Operation Grapes of Wrath.  
Netanyahu's approval included his own "comments," an aide said, but apparently leaves intact the principles underpinning the outgoing Peres government's negotiating position.  
In the past, the Likud has been critical of the results of Operation Accountability (1993) and Grapes of Wrath, leaving some wondering whether Netanyahu would seek to implicitly or explicitly scuttle the monitoring format in favor of a unilateral approach by Israel in southern Lebanon.  
"I think you can see this decision as a first signal that the prime minister-elect means what he says that he is serious about the peace process," the aide said.  
He noted that the people who are to inspect complaints by Israel or Lebanon of a violation of the US-brokered April cease-fire of Grapes of Wrath are "monitors" who on specific occasions investigate the site in question and are not permanent "peacekeepers" in the area. Israel has never viewed UNIFIL as an effective peacekeeper of southern Lebanon.  
The whole notion of a monitoring group was to enforce the cease-fire, which was designed to keep civilians both in the Galilee and in southern Lebanon out of harm's way.  
The premier-elect and top aides were extensively briefed on the monitoring group last week by Foreign Ministry Director General Uri Savir and top IDF officials. The Netanyahu decision was forwarded to Savir yesterday, and now diplomats from Israel, the US, France, Syria and Lebanon are supposed to hammer out the final terms, probably in Washington.  
Netanyahu has made clear that he would not undertake major policy changes without first being thoroughly briefed, and being given a chance to see all classified information relating to the issue at hand.  
Indeed, away from the spotlight on coalition negotiations, the premier-elect spends several hours a day receiving what some call "tutorials" on the issues at hand from top military and civilian officials, including the intelligence community. Among the issues that Netanyahu has been briefed on include the Lebanon monitoring group, Hebron and the Oslo 2 accord.

## Imprisoned Palestinian human rights activist: My life is in danger

**JON IMMANUEL**  
A SENIOR Palestinian human rights activist charged with drug possession claims he was framed and his life is in danger, in a letter smuggled out of Gaza Prison in which he pleaded for help.  
"I have been beaten and my life is in danger. They are trying to frame me with drug charges. Rescue me, the situation is dangerous," the letter from Dr. Eyad Sarraj said, according to AP which said it had seen a copy of it.  
Sarraj, a psychiatrist and director of the Independent Palestinian Commission for Citizens' Rights, was arrested Sunday night. On Tuesday, plainclothes police searched the Gaza Mental Health Center which he founded and claimed to find 95 grams of hashish among his papers.  
Public Prosecutor Khalid Qidrah said that the office was raided because "we had information that he had drugs. Those who support Mr. Sarraj look at him as a defender of human rights but he is human, not an angel." He denied that Sarraj was beaten. "It is a big lie," he said. "I saw him. We don't beat anyone. Anyone who complains of beating complaints to us."  
Sarraj was arrested last month after giving an interview in The New York Times in which he complained that he was 100 times less free to publish his opinions under the Palestinian Authority than under Israeli occupation. He was released after nine days following a published apology to PA President Yasser Arafat for any unintended personal offense he may have caused.  
After his release, the IPCCR said it would sue Qidrah for wrongful arrest, although it was clear Arafat had ordered it. Last week Sarraj wrote to Arafat explaining that "instead of controlling me you should control the mechanism which undermines accepted standards of human rights."  
Several members of the Palestinian Council, including Hanan Ashrawi, former director of the IPCCR, and Dr. Haidar Abdel- (Continued on Page 2)

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# Netanyahu delays US trip

PRIME minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu is postponing his scheduled inaugural visit to the US until early July, his aide Danny Naveh said yesterday, insisting time is needed both to properly prepare for the visit and enable a smoother transition so the government can at least begin its work.

Even if Netanyahu succeeds in putting together a government by next Monday, as some of his top aides hope, the target date of June 25 would have only given him one week to arrange an American visit.

Yet with coalition negotiations bogged down with some of the

DAVID MAKOVSKY

religious parties, it remains unclear whether Netanyahu could even put together a coalition by June 17 as his aides desired.

Moreover, observers speculate that if Netanyahu remains locked into an early US date, his coalition partners could seize upon this to obtain more advantageous terms, believing that the premier-elect is in a hurry to conclude the bargaining.

One possible by-product to the decision to delay going to the US is deflating the diplomatic build-

up leading to next week's Arab summit in Cairo. It seems the timing of the June 21-23 parley was designed intentionally to influence Netanyahu's meeting with President Bill Clinton immediately thereafter.

One idea that has been considered for Netanyahu's visit to the US is a commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Entebbe rescue on July 4, 1976, when the premier's brother Yonatan was killed.

It remains unclear whether Netanyahu will make the US his first foreign stop. After his election in 1992, Yitzhak Rabin made his symbolic first trip to Cairo.



An IDF soldier watches as two Palestinian men pass his guard post in downtown Hebron. Israel had been scheduled to partially pull out of the town yesterday. (Reuters)

# Milo: Netanyahu must meet Arafat eventually

DAVID MAKOVSKY

IF the new government is serious about making peace with the Palestinians, sooner or later prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu must meet with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo said yesterday, a day after meeting senior PLO Executive Committee member Faisal Husseini.

Milo voiced confidence Netanyahu would meet with Arafat, but said he does not know when. "Eventually it will happen. I don't know when it will occur or how."

Meanwhile, Netanyahu's office yesterday issued a vague statement on the future of Jerusalem's Orient House following visits there by several foreign diplomats on Tuesday. The statement said the Netanyahu government's policy on Orient House would be "different" from its predecessors, but aides would not elaborate.

During the campaign, Netanyahu and other top Likud officials pledged to close Orient House. But immediately after the election, Jerusalem Mayor MK Ehud Olmert signaled that the

new government may reconsider this position if foreign diplomats stopped visiting there, thus reducing its political significance.

Milo said he met with Husseini after consulting with a top Netanyahu aide. "I wouldn't have held a meeting like this had there been opposition on Netanyahu's part," Milo said on Army Radio. "I suppose [Husseini's] intention was to show that the doors are open."

Milo insists he did not discuss any diplomatic matters with Husseini. However, it remains unclear whether Netanyahu actually authorized the meeting. Political sources insist Milo phoned in advance to consult, but when Netanyahu failed to return his call, Milo interpreted this as a go-ahead.

Yesterday afternoon, in an apparent bid to distance itself from the Milo meeting, Netanyahu's office issued a statement that only Netanyahu can designate someone to speak on his behalf with "the Arab or international

arena." For example, the premier-elect has designated foreign policy adviser Dore Gold to be a conduit to top Palestinian Authority official Mahmud Abbas.

However, several Palestinians are apparently trying to serve as conduits themselves, since Netanyahu refuses to directly deal with Arafat. New Likud MK Gideon Ezra, a former top official in the General Security Service, says he has been approached by unspecified Palestinians to set up a channel of communication.

While there were disputes within the Likud about whether Milo acted with authorization, the very notion of meeting with PLO officials does not disturb Likud officials anymore; a sea change from their past impassioned opposition to such meetings.

"We're no longer dedicating our lives to delegitimizing the PLO. We have been there and it's over. We're not going to fight past wars," Likud MK Tzahi Hanegbi said. "We are going to negotiate with the Palestinian Authority."

# US official downplays missed Hebron withdrawal deadline

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

what direction the peace process would now take.

Committee members also asked several times whether the administration believed the PNC had changed the PLO covenant, and Pelletreau responded that it had.

He repeatedly toed the administration's line that the US would reserve judgment on the new government until Netanyahu assumes office and outlines official policies.

On Hebron, which the IDF was to have redeployed from yesterday, Pelletreau noted that deadlines on implementing the Oslo agreements have passed be-

fore but that "as long as both parties understand the reasons why they're not met and continue to discuss them and work toward solutions and the direction is positive, then the deadline itself doesn't mean so much."

"I think we need to look at the attitude and direction as much as calendar dates in this regard," he added.

The US hopes and expects that Israel and the PA will "continue to work together to implement the agreements that have been reached," and that "there will be a basis found" for resuming Jerusalem-Damascus talks, he said.

Regarding Netanyahu's vic-

tory, Pelletreau said the US sees "no bar to us developing" as close a relationship with the new premier as it had with Shimon Peres and that "everything did not go out the window" in the peace process with Netanyahu's victory.

He said Netanyahu recognizes the "new currents" in the Middle East as an outgrowth of the peace process and that Netanyahu would not want Israel's gains to "dissipate."

"That is why he has reached out to Arab leaders in his initial phone calls. ... I think that we have a basis there to develop a working relationship with the new government — based on support for a peace process and going forward."

# Palestinians cancel council meeting

JON IMMANUEL

THE 88-member Palestinian Legislative Council canceled a meeting in Nablus yesterday in solidarity with 22 members from Gaza who did not turn up because they refused to be searched at the Erez checkpoint.

The council decided it was an issue of principle, since the legislators were elected to represent both the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and were therefore entitled to free access to both areas.

However a spokesman for the government coordinator said Israel was entitled to check them for security reasons like any other Palestinian leaving Gaza, the radio reported.

Security measures have been stepped up since the spate of suicide bombings which ended March 4, but council members have met in Ramallah and Bethlehem since then and say there were not searched on those occasions.

Council member Ziad Abu Amr said the security claim was ridiculous as all members were checked by Israel when they ran in the election for the council and were not considered security risks. As council members they should have VIP passes.

# Arab diplomats meet in Ramat Gan

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ARAB diplomats, representing four of the six countries with legations in Israel, met yesterday for the first time to consult on their peace process positions, and pledged to hold regular sessions in the future.

A 90-minute meeting was held at the Jordanian Embassy in Ramat Gan, attended by the senior diplomats of Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia and Mauritania. Future sessions will be held on a rotating basis among the Arab missions here.

Representatives of Morocco and Oman, which like Tunisia and Mauritania hold quasi-diplomatic ties with Israel, could not attend because they were out of the country.

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is to be trusted, Hammer will personally reign over yet another empire, for a while — Religious Affairs. The compromise over this much-contested ministry is that the Education minister (stated to be Hammer) will also serve for two years as Religious Affairs minister with a Shas deputy. For the next two years, a Shas minister will take over the Religious Affairs portfolio and have a deputy minister from the NRP.

Shas MK Raphael Pinhasi said last night the agreement with his party "is practically finalized. Not much remains to be dealt with."

After the meeting, Jordanian Ambassador Omar Rifai said the session demonstrates how "Arab representation in Israel has become significant, and we saw fit to turn this into one grouping just as there are Arab diplomatic groupings in other capitals and other regional groupings of diplomats here in Israel."

"The fact that there are six Arab countries with representatives here in Tel Aviv is quite an achievement. We are part of a small but growing peace lobby among Arab countries," Rifai added.

Rifai became ambassador to Is-

rael at the end of March, after the previous envoy, Marwan Mousher, was elevated to minister of information in the new Jordanian government.

While it is believed the Arabs discussed consultations in advance of next week's Arab summit in Cairo, the Jordanian envoy denied the consultations in Tel Aviv could be seen in that context.

After yesterday's meeting, veteran Egyptian ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny indicated that Israel should not be anxious about the Cairo summit. "If the new government in Israel moves forward on peace, I assure you that it will have all the support among the Arabs," he said.

# TALKS

No sooner did the crisis with the NRP appear to have been resolved, than Yisrael Ba'alya announced that it was breaking off negotiations with the Likud.

YB says it is being discriminated against and taken for granted. While the NRP gets two well-padded portfolios and other perks, YB, with only two fewer MKs (the NRP won nine seats, YB seven), gets a single portfolio with a puny budget — Industry and Trade.

YB last night continued to demand Housing, arguing it is an essential tool to be used to help redress the grievances of its voters, which it cannot do with Industry and Trade.

YB was also offered a deputy minister in the Absorption Ministry, which YB leader Natan Shar-

ansky has long rejected as the framework least likely to help immigrants. To be offered a deputy post in a ministry which the party did not begin with is seen by YB as a slap in the face.

It is also unclear what hopes of the Likud ministerial hopefuls will end up with. MK Ze'ev Begin left his meeting with Netanyahu yesterday without saying a word. Likud insiders do not think he was gratified with what he heard, but Begin would not comment.

Earlier in the day Netanyahu paid separate visits to the Jerusalem homes of former chief rabbis Mordechai Eliahu and Avraham Shapira, who hold a great deal of sway within the NRP. A Likud spokesman said the visit was to thank the rabbis for their support, but unofficially added that it was also an attempt to soften up the NRP's negotiating stance.

# ACTIVIST

"This is a clear set-up since Sarraj was arrested before they found the drugs," said one member of the council who insisted on anonymity. "I thought we were past these backward silly games. The Israelis should take a position on human rights in the territory — which is, after all, not under Palestinian sovereignty — if it wants to have a democratic partner."

"They are trying to humiliate him," said Bassam Eid of B'nei Yisrael. "Sarraj has been put in Gaza prison in a cell with criminals."

Eid met Sarraj last Tuesday and heard him say that his interrogators warned him before he was released last month that he would be killed if he continued to criticize the PA. Qidrah said that Sarraj would not be released until his interrogation is over. He is to have a remand hearing this morning, Eid said.

# Senior Islamic Jihad leader charged

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A GAZA Strip military court yesterday charged Hassan Hawaj, a senior member of the Islamic Jihad, with planning to carry out attacks against Israeli targets and with plotting to kill Israeli and Palestinian security agents.

Hawaj, 28, was reportedly arrested last March by the General Security Service when he tried to return to the Gaza Strip. His arrest was revealed following yesterday's reading of the charge sheet at the military court at the Erez Junction.

According to the charge sheet, Hawaj underwent intensive military training in Iran and Lebanon and even met with Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah, who appointed him that organization's liaison in the Gaza Strip. It said he was recruited into Islamic Jihad while attending medical school in Algiers.

His brother, Mohammed Hawaj, was the leader of the Islamic Jihad's military wing, but was killed in Gaza in June 1995. Soon after his brother was killed, Hawaj fled from Algiers to Syria and then on to Iran to receive support for the Islamic Jihad. He was told to return to the Gaza Strip to rehabilitate the movement and that he would receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in aid.

Following his studies in October 1995, Hawaj returned to the Gaza Strip and started organizing the military wing of Islamic Jihad.

According to the eight-page charge sheet, Hawaj was never officially a member of the Islamic Jihad. Nevertheless, he underwent weapons training at a Hizbullah base in the Bekaa valley in

Lebanon and later in Iran. According to the charge sheet, in late 1994 Hawaj visited Nasrallah who told him Hawaj was seen as Hizbullah's liaison in the Gaza Strip.

Hawaj also planned to assassinate the head of Palestinian internal security Amin Hindi, but that plan never materialized. He also initiated a membership drive in the West Bank, the charge sheet said.

Hawaj was seen as the link man between the Islamic Jihad in the Gaza Strip and Iran and Hizbullah. He was soon to have been appointed head of the movement's military wing, security sources told *Yedioth Aharonot*.

According to the charge sheet, Hawaj was planning to set up an explosives factory in Gaza with Iranian help and arranging for weapons to be smuggled into the strip.

# Summit to focus on Netanyahu's words

BACKGROUND

DAVID MAKOVSKY

A CONTEMPORARY corollary to the old quote of David Ben-Gurion might be: "What the Arabs do might be based upon what the Jews say."

As the first Arab summit in six years convenes next week, bringing together the whole Arab world except Iraq to discuss, among other items, the election of Benjamin Netanyahu, diplomats and other experts make clear that what Netanyahu says or does until the parley convenes on June 21 will have a serious impact upon the outcome of the Cairo parley.

Until then, the Arabs will be gathering a post-election Netanyahu file to search for clues on his approach to the Middle East peace process.

As Jordan's ambassador Omar Rifai put it yesterday, "When the summit convenes, they will look at Netanyahu's statements and the guidelines of the new government since the election and judge accordingly. Therefore, a positive statement in Israel will lead to a positive statement in Cairo."

Obviously, the converse is also true. If the guidelines of the new government say that the Golan Heights will forever remain in Israeli hands, this will give Syrian President Hafez Assad "ammunition" in Cairo to press for a hard-line position, diplomats say privately.

# 'Post' editor joins Netanyahu staff

JERUSALEM Post president and publisher Yehuda Levy announced yesterday that executive editor David Bar-Ilan has been granted a leave of absence, effective June 21, to join prime minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu's staff as head of policy planning and communications in the Prime Minister's Office. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

guidelines issued when the Rabin government was formed also included a reference (section four) to a "united and whole Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty."

At the same time, Arabs may expect that Netanyahu not repeat what he said on the campaign trail: that he will not adhere to Oslo's commitment for the issue of Jerusalem to even be discussed. One official said privately that how things are phrased are critical.

"Saying things in a favorable rather than negative way does not mean you have given up anything," he said.

The issue is not only the government guidelines, but if a government forms next week the Arabs will be listening very closely to Netanyahu's maiden Knesset speech.

So far, however, Netanyahu is receiving relatively high marks from Arab and Western diplomats demonstrating post-election caution and restraint.

Just as Israelis say they like to hear what Arabs say in Arabic, Arabs now want to hear what Israelis say in Hebrew.

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# Deri remains in hospital for observation

SHAS leader MK Aryeh Deri was expected to remain in the hospital overnight to recover from the slight stroke he suffered Monday.

Deri was hospitalized after losing the feeling in his left side and experiencing chest pains. An examination revealed he had suffered a minor cerebro-vascular accident due to stress, apparently caused by a radio interview regarding reports he was trying to manipulate his way out of his trial.

Tests showed Deri suffered no other damage from the stroke, but doctors decided to keep him in the hospital for another day for observation. He was reported in good condition.

Meanwhile, his defense concluded presentation of its "no case" defense in Deri's trial in Jerusalem District Court. The court will now recess to allow

both defense and prosecution representatives to travel to England to hear testimony from Meir Brown, considered a central witness. The court is to reconvene on June 30, when the prosecution will respond to the defense's argument, which says that the prosecution failed to prove the charges it made against Deri.

Yesterday, lawyer Gilad Blau, representing Yom Tov Rubin who is also accused in the case, completed the "no case" presentation, saying that claims his client and others accused in the case bribed Deri to help them get alternate land for housing could not be true, since there would have been no need to do so since Deri himself also had an interest in obtaining an alternate site for the housing project in question. (Tim)



Prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu (right) meets yesterday with the new president of AIPA, Melvin Dow. (Yisrael Hadas)

# Olmert considers his options as he awaits his indictment

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert, facing indictment for his alleged involvement in a 1988 Likud campaign contribution cover-up, has yet to decide whether he will request a hearing with Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, sources close to the mayor said yesterday.

The mayor is consulting with legal advisors on what course to take, and is confident the allegations against him will be proven unfounded, the sources added.

BILL HUTMAN

If indicted, Olmert could also try to avoid going to trial by fighting to keep his Knesset immunity. But that option, which is opened to all Knesset members facing criminal charges, has not yet been considered by the mayor, the sources said.

Olmert faces indictment in connection with fictitious receipts issued by the Likud in 1988 to businessmen contributing to the

party, showing they spent the money on advertising, as a way to get around fund-raising laws. Olmert served as party treasurer during the 1988 election campaign.

The mayor strongly denies the allegations. The sources noted the case against the mayor is based largely on the testimony of Likud fund-raiser Yona Peled, who himself was convicted on similar allegations, and whose testimony the court has found false in the past.

# Court won't ask ex GSS chiefs to testify in Amirs' trial

FORMER General Security Service chiefs Ya'acov Perry and Karmi Gillon will not be subpoenaed to testify in the trial of Yigal Amir, Haggai Amir, and Dror Adani, accused of conspiring to murder prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and to attack Arabs in Judea and Samaria.

Judges Amnon Strashmov, Shelly Timan, and Ze'ev Hammer ruled the two would not be asked to testify, but decided to agree to a request by Haggai Amir's lawyer, Moshe Meroz, to subpoena Margalit Har-Shefi, Elyakim Haetzni, and Avishai Raviv.

Michael Epstein, who was detained as part of the investigation of the Rabin assassination and was suspected of conspiracy, said yesterday that "Yigal Amir told me that his brother Haggai was working on a silencer."

Epstein said he told investigators that Amir had said it was necessary

to set up an organization prior to the IDF's withdrawal from the territories, and Epstein had agreed to join. However, under cross-examination, Epstein admitted Amir did not say anything specific about such an organization, gathering arms, or attacking Arabs.

Yisrael Shiryon, the Amirs' uncle and the security coordinator for the Shavei Shomron settlement, testified that he had filled out a blank form - signed by the district deputy brigade commander and recommending that weapons be given to whoever presented it - with the name of Haggai Amir, who was living with him at the time.

Shiryon admitted that the deputy brigade commander did not know Amir. Shiryon said he had recommended to Haggai Amir that he change his address to Shavei Shomron so he could more easily obtain a weapons license from the Interior Ministry. (Tim)

# Teachers in North to hold warning strike

The Histadrut Teachers Union is to hold a two-hour warning strike on Sunday to protest against what the union called the capricious firing of 40 tenured teachers. The strike will affect the entire educational system from kindergarten through high school, which will begin classes at 10 a.m. The northern school district includes Kiryat Shmuna, Tiberias, Nazareth, Beit She'an, Nahariya, Acre, Karmiel, Safed, Afula, and their adjacent areas. (Jerusalem Post Staff)

# Rubinstein: Roman menagerie mosaic will be displayed

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

THE rare 1,600-year-old Roman mosaic floor discovered in Lod will eventually be put on display either in the city where it was found or at the Israel Museum, Education and Culture Minister Amnon Rubinstein said yesterday, during a visit to the site where it was found.

Archaeologists uncovered the mosaic depicting a menagerie of wild animals in vibrant colors that appear unfaded by the passage of time.

"We carried out a test dig here because the municipality wanted to widen the road," said archaeologist Miriam Avisar. "We came across this magnificent mosaic which dates from the late Roman period, approximately from the end of the third century to the beginning of the fourth."

The mosaic, apparently the floor of a large room in a Roman villa, is filled with scenes of wild animals - lions, tigers, leopards, elephants, horses and antelopes - on the prowl or as prey.

Blood dripping from a horse attacked by a tiger shone bright yesterday as archeologists used brushes and water to remove centuries of dust. An ancient sailing ship rode the waves along with fish twice its size.

"We have almost never found a mosaic as complete as this one in Israel dating from this period," Avisar said.

She said Lod was a rich city during Roman times.

"It was on the crossroads from Gaza to Damascus and from Jaffa to Jerusalem," Avisar said.

# Baryshnikov to perform at Caesarea

YOCHI DREAZEN

MIKHAIL Baryshnikov, the world-renowned ballet dancer, will visit Israel for the first time this August, when his White Oak Dance Project performs two shows in Caesarea's amphitheater.

The group is named after the estate of its benefactor, Howard Gillman, whose support has allowed the group to develop its modern approach to ballet.

But in a statement released by the tour, Baryshnikov explained that he prefers not to pigeonhole the group's style.

"Classical ballet? Modern ballet? What's the difference?" he said. "To my mind, there is good and there is bad, and I don't really see any other differences."

Baryshnikov's company - which includes 11 other dancers as well as five musicians - will be visiting the country as part of a tour of Africa, Europe, and Australia.

Baryshnikov, 43, was born in Riga, and studied dance in Leningrad's Vaganova School until age 16, when he joined the Kirov Ballet. In 1974, while touring with the Bolshoi, he defected to Canada.

After a long stint in New York - where he worked with luminaries such as the City Ballet's George Balanchine and appeared on Broadway, television, and in movies such as *White Nights* - Baryshnikov founded the White Oak Dance Project in 1990.

# Study: Women didn't count in election campaigns

ESTHER HECHT

NOW they've been counted, and they still don't count. That is the conclusion of two researchers who studied the number of times women and women's issues appeared in campaign broadcasts for the recent elections.

Only 17% (338) of the total of 1,966 people who appeared in the broadcasts were women, according to a study by Dr. Dafna Lemish, of the New School of Media Studies-College of Management, and Dr. Chava Tidhar, of Bar-Ilan University. There was virtually no change from 1988, when a similar study found that 16% of the 2,987 people in the broadcasts were women.

"I'm disappointed by the findings, because the significant advances in women's rights in the past decade are not at all reflected in the broadcasts and in the ways the parties related to women's issues," Lemish said of the study initiated by the Israel Women's Network, a non-partisan women's lobby.

"I was surprised to see women appearing much more prominently than in the past in campaign material of religious par-

ties - Shas and Yemin Yisrael. In Shas, women appeared especially in connection with education."

The parties differed greatly from each other in the representation they gave women in the broadcasts. Hadash led with 60% women, Meretz had 29%, Shas 25%, Labor 17%, and the Likud 9%. In 1988, the Arab parties (including Hadash) had the highest representation of women (16%).

Only 25 speakers (1.3%) related directly to subjects connected to the status of women, the researchers found. Also, women appeared primarily as anonymous figures, or as actresses, singers, or emcees, as opposed to men, who appeared in leadership roles. Women over 40 were hardly seen at all.

According to Lemish and Tidhar, these findings support the image portrayed in the broadcasts; namely, that in comparison to topics like peace and security, religious issues, and Jerusalem, the status of women is marginal and insignificant, and that Israeli society is run by, and will continue to be run by, men.

# Five men charged with highway robbery

Five Upper Nazareth men were charged yesterday by Haifa District Court with highway robbery, kidnaping and aggravated extortion. They are accused of attacking three youths who were on their way from Kibbutz Nir Etzion to Haifa on election night, May 29. According to the indictment, the accused impersonated policemen and used their car to force the victims' car to stop. They searched the victims, took their car keys, and then drove them to an automatic bank teller, where they forced them at knifepoint to withdraw NIS 1,000.

The five are Haim Zoenishvili, 21, David Kakitshvili, 20, Daniel Nir (Nankishvili), 22, Ben-Zion Pinkashvili, 23, and Haim Hanan (Hannashvili), 20. (Tim)



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# Yeltsin vows violence will not stop Russian poll

TIMOTHY HERITAGE  
MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Boris Yeltsin vowed yesterday not to let violence disrupt Russia's presidential election after four people were killed in a bomb blast on the Moscow underground.

Yeltsin called for calm before Sunday's poll as Communists and nationalists marched through Moscow to mark Russia's Independence Day. Some of them carried anti-Yeltsin banners.

More than 2,000 Communists marched under red Soviet flags to the former headquarters of the KGB security police and nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy pushed his campaign to become president in a separate march. Both rallies ended peacefully.

Yeltsin condemned Tuesday's bomb blast at Tul'skaya underground station in southern Moscow, in which two men and two women were killed, as a "savage, barbaric act."

"The best response to the machinations of the extremists will be a vote on June 16, a vote for civil peace, for stability, for the future of Russia," he said in a message to the people of Moscow. Presidential spokesman Sergei Medvedev quoted Yeltsin as saying: "The Russian election will go ahead as scheduled."

No one claimed responsibility for the bomb, which went off under a seat in a metro car. Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov said he could not rule out the possibility that Chechen separatists had planted it, but offered no evidence to support this. The Chechen diaspora in Moscow called the attack "barbaric" and sent its condolences.

Luzhkov, a Yeltsin ally, said the bomb was intended as a blow

against his own bid for re-election on Sunday. His running mate, Valery Shantsev, was hurt in a bomb attack last Friday.

Yeltsin, 65, leads most opinion polls for Sunday's election, which will decide the fate of reforms. Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, 51, says his party's own polls put him ahead of the Kremlin leader.

Neither is likely to win an overall majority on Sunday and they are expected to fight a run-off in early or mid-July.

Communists were in no mood to celebrate yesterday's national holiday marking Russia's declaration of sovereignty within the Soviet Union in 1990. It is also the fifth anniversary of Yeltsin coming to power.

"We voted for Yeltsin and the country fell, fell, fell. Now we need another change," said 61-year-old Lida Ivanova, who joined the Communist Party in 1993.

Some of the Communists had banners supporting the radical communist Working Russia party. A few carried placards saying "Yeltsin is an enemy of the people" - evoking a phrase used during the purges of late Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

In the far eastern port of Magadan, a memorial was unveiled to the millions who died in Stalin's slave labor camps. It was the first monument of its kind in Russia to commemorate them.

"We have to stop a return to the time when killing and death was a normal affair," Alexander Yakovlev, a member of Yeltsin's campaign team, echoing Zyuganov's charges that victory for Zyuganov would mean a return to the past. Zyuganov denies this.



Residents of Russia's Yamal peninsula on the Arctic Ocean cast their ballots earlier this week in their presidential elections. Most of Russia will be voting next week. (AP)

# New Indian government wins vote of trust

JAWED NAQVI  
NEW DELHI

INDIAN Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda won a vote of confidence in parliament yesterday, ending six weeks of political turmoil in the world's most populous democracy.

The government won by voice vote after a 12-hour debate over two days.

"The motion is adopted," P.S. Sangma, speaker of the lower house, told the lawmakers at the end of the nationally televised session.

The prime minister's center-left government had the support of some 332 lawmakers in the 545-member house and had been expected to breeze through the vote.

Deve Gowda's United Front alliance has some 190 members and had been promised the support of former prime minister Narasimha Rao's Congress party, which finished a humiliating second in the general elections in April and May with 140 seats.

The opposition Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has 195 members. A short-lived BJP government headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee resigned on May 28 when it became

clear it could not muster support to win a confidence vote.

The two-day debate was overshadowed by the BJP's efforts to rake up corruption issues in an effort to embarrass the new government and its ally, Rao's former ruling Congress party.

Federal police said yesterday they had registered a case linking Rao to allegations a regional party received money to help him defeat a no-confidence motion in 1993.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed the case after the Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld a lower court order directing the agency to register a fresh probe into the allegations.

Analysts said the case added pressure on Rao to step down at a meeting of Congress leaders set for today.

On Tuesday the BJP sought to exploit a fer-

tilizer scandal. Federal police said a suspect in the scandal, which involved kickbacks, had implicated one of Narasimha Rao's sons, P.V. Prabhakar Rao. Prabhakar Rao has denied the charges.

Deve Gowda detailed the progress of the investigations in the fertilizer scandal and promised to put the facts before the house once the enquiry was over.

"After the enquiry, I am going to place the details before the house," the 63-year-old prime minister said.

He denied that the Congress party was putting pressure on the government to hush up the fertilizer scandal.

"No Congress leader up till now has discussed the issue. Nobody has interfered in this matter up till now," Deve Gowda said.

The next hurdle for Deve Gowda will be to present a budget for the 1996/97 financial year that began on April 1, balancing the interests of his coalition partners who range from free traders to Communists.

# Chiller, Turk Islamists see possible coalition

ANKARA (Reuters) - Members of Turkish conservative leader Tansu Chiller's True Path Party (DYP) said yesterday the way was open for a government coalition with the powerful Islamist Welfare Party (RP).

"A DYP-RP coalition looks possible at the moment. On Friday the leaders will come together and it will become clearer after that," a DYP deputy who asked not to be named told Reuters.

Other MPs from the party said a deal with the Islamists was under discussion.

Islamist leader Necmettin Erbakan, whose party has the most members in parliament, has been asked to form a new government after the collapse last week of a three-month-old secularist coalition.

"The path is open to a possible DYP-RP coalition," another of Chiller's MPs said. "But it is very difficult to say what the details of (tomorrow's meeting) will be."

Islamist MPs, meanwhile, said the two parties had already begun secret coalition talks.

Political analysts have given Erbakan little chance of forming a government because of fears he would introduce religion into public life and veer officially secular Turkey away from the Western camp.

Chiller and Erbakan, who has so far been spurned by other secularist parties, are due to hold preliminary coalition talks tomorrow.

But former premier Chiller earlier repeated a call for a four-way secularist alliance to block the Islamists.

"Come and let's get to an agreement to form a government," Anatolian news agency quoted her as saying in remarks aimed at three other mainstream parties.

She made no reference to reports in the Turkish press yesterday that she was close to making a deal with the Islamists.

Several newspapers, including the pro-Chiller *Sabah* daily, said her party had agreed with Welfare on dividing cabinet seats among themselves.

# US may extend troop deployment in Bosnia

JOHN DIAMOND  
SKOPJE, Macedonia

US troops should remain on the ground in Bosnia with NATO forces next year if needed to prevent an outbreak of war, US Defense Secretary William Perry said yesterday. In his most far-reaching comments to date on an extended US mission in Bosnia, Perry raised the possibility of continued use of NATO air power or of a ground-based "rapid-reaction force" that could quash renewed fighting among the ethnic factions.

Perry was uncertain what decision NATO would make, but was unequivocal that the United States should stay the course with its allies.

"NATO will not want simply to give up on the investment that

they've made in Bosnia and if they feel that some further action is necessary to preserve the peace in Bosnia, they may very well determine to maintain a NATO force to do that," Perry told reporters en route to this Balkan nation.

"If they make that decision, it would be my recommendation that the United States participate in that decision, and participate in any force that is so designated, including ground troops," Perry said.

Those comments raised the specter for President Clinton of a pre-election decision to prolong

the US military presence in the war-torn region. As outlined by Perry, the likely options would involve a force far smaller than the roughly 20,000 US troops participating in NATO's Peace Implementation Force (IFOR).

But the decision would require an admission by Clinton that NATO's work could not be done in a single year, as advertised last December at the outset of the mission.

It is also possible, according to Perry, that the critical decisions about a continuing military mission in Bosnia could be delayed until after the US presidential

election in November. Perry noted that NATO's major annual meetings of foreign ministers and defense chiefs take place in December.

Perry's remarks go far beyond past comments by the defense secretary and top US commanders in Europe about a modest extension of IFOR into January. On that subject, Perry reiterated past statements that some reduced element of IFOR may remain past the December 20 date originally given as the deadline for total pullout of US ground troops along with the rest of IFOR.

Perry is beginning a five-day European trip that will include meeting with NATO allies in Belgium.

# Lott picked as US Senate majority leader

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans in the US Senate yesterday chose Mississippi's Trent Lott as majority leader to succeed the just-departed Bob Dole, opting for a more aggressive and conservative politician to run the Senate during this heated election year.

A genial, if brashly ambitious man, Lott was among the last of the Senate Republicans to endorse Dole's presidential candidacy. And, as majority whip - the Republicans' No. 2 office - he had none-too-subtly coveted the majority leadership post long before Dole announced last month that he would quit the Senate to campaign full time.

Senate aides said Republican senators elected Lott, 44, over fellow Mississippian Thad Cochran, a more reserved man who is equally conservative politically.

In choosing their first new Republican leader since 1985, the senators said they were looking for a pragmatist who could get work done. They said they believed Lott could do the job even though some say he is less compromising than Dole was.

# 'Gas caused Brazilian mall blast'

SAO PAULO (Reuters) - Trapped gas caused an explosion in a crowded shopping mall that killed at least 39 people and injured hundreds of others, officials said yesterday, citing preliminary findings.

They said gas trapped under the concrete floor of the mall's food court ignited, possibly as a result of an electrical short circuit, causing Tuesday's blast.

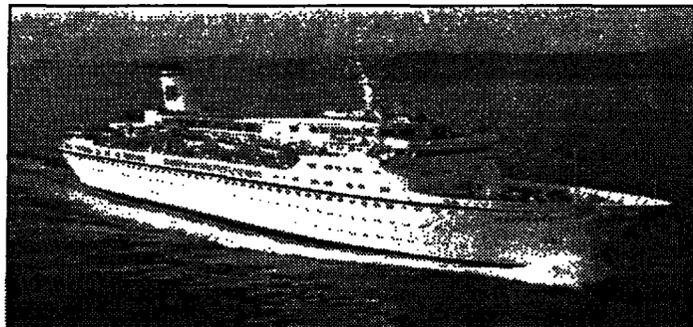
"Preliminary information we have is that there was an accumulation of gas in a concrete box under the floor," said Jorge Cheibub, director of Sao Paulo's buildings department.

Rescue workers continued to dig yesterday for victims in the rubble of the Osasco Shopping Plaza, in a middle-class suburb of Sao Paulo.

Civil defense officials coordinating rescue efforts said the death toll rose to 39 overnight, with more than 470 people reported hurt in the blast.

Late on Tuesday night, rescuers recovered a month-old baby alive from the debris.

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# Unisex makes a comeback

FLAIR  
GREER FAY CASHMAN

EVERY now and again, the apparel industry, for want of inspiration or simply out of a desire to blur gender differences, puts fresh emphasis on unisex. That doesn't necessarily mean that dresses go out of style or that men start wearing skirts. What it does mean is that basics imbued with flair dominate the fashion scene.

T-shirts, tank tops, bicycle and boxer shorts, tights (a.k.a. long johns) and jeans which are all more or less gender-free, are all part of the increasing unisex revival which makes it okay for him to wear her clothes and for her to wear his without raising any eyebrows in heterosexual circles.

French unisex guru Stephane Plassier recently opened his first Israeli store at the northern end of Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Street. While concentrating on simple shapes, Plassier nonetheless succeeds in impregnating his creations with French chic, especially when playing with blocks of stripes and monochromes. Many of his specifically female designs, though inspired by underwear, are produced in outerwear fabrics and not in the bright satins and flimsy see-through chiffons and organzas which usually characterize underwear as outerwear clothing.

Almost any garment looks sexy on an attractive, well-proportioned woman, but Plassier prides himself on the fact that he also pays attention to the needs of women who are well over 20, and whose proportions, though shapely, are generous. Sizable, he runs the gamut from 34 to 48.

Prices start at NIS 60 and go as high as NIS 440, but on average are well under NIS 300.

Among the local unisex brand names is Koo-Koo, which is part of the Rosh Indiani stable and sold only in Rosh Indiani and Topper stores.

Koo-Koo which comprises plain, waffle and ribbed cotton-knit, genderless separates, seems to have been designed precisely for those people who don't want to be subject to color trends. The color range offers all the colors of



T-shirts and tank tops are part of the increasing unisex revival.

the rainbow - and then some, in a variety of shades and a total of 42 choices. Prices are amazingly reasonable, even lower in some cases than those charged in the bazaar stores which are proliferating all over the country. The most expensive item under the Koo-Koo

label is NIS 40 and the least expensive NIS 21.

And talking of bazaar stores, they're well worth a second look, especially when it comes to unisex-wear. A colleague, who went from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv on an assignment, quickly realized that

she was overdressed. Not having a change of clothing with her, she explored the bazaar at Tel Aviv's Central Bus Station and got herself a brand new, pure cotton unisex outfit for the princely outlay of NIS 32! And what's more, she looks great in it.

# Insurance company tries to take driver for a ride

CAVEAT EMPTOR!  
RUTHIE BLUM

IF you are a government employee who receives a car allowance, your vehicle is probably insured by Sahar - though you may have selected its newly arrived competitor Sela as an alternative.

If you also happen to be someone to whom time and money are precious, you may have found this particular paycheck "bonus" to be a mixed blessing.

Take the case of Y.I. Carefully driving along a Jerusalem street in January, she signaled and stopped before making a turn. Suddenly, another vehicle slammed into her from behind, causing her car to lurch into a road sign.

Luckily, Y.I. was not hurt. Unluckily, the automobile-turned-accordion happened to be a shiny new Toyota. Coincidentally, both the "smasher" and the "smashee" were insured by Sahar - the latter in Jerusalem via Irit, Dushinsky & Goel, and the former in Haifa.

Since the driver of the second vehicle had no documents on hand (itself an offense), she provided Y.I. with the next best thing: a signed note, including ID and phone numbers, in which she admitted fault for the accident. The two shaken drivers then parted company.

A full week went by before Y.I. received her "aggressor's" insurance policy number. Y.I. deposited her damaged car at a nearby garage. The bill came to NIS 4,271, of which NIS 795 was the "deductible" Y.I. had to pay in order to release the car from the garage. She then paid NIS 293 to a licensed assessor - recommended by her insurance agency - for an estimate of the car's decline in resale value. Assessor Rafi Daniel determined the decline to be NIS 3,618.

In simple terms, Y.I. should have been reimbursed a total of NIS 4,706 by her insurance company. By law, this reimbursement should have taken place 30 days after her claim was filed (and relevant documents delivered). Instead, Y.I. received a check for NIS 3,982 - four months and

dozens of phone calls later. Not only was the final sum more than NIS 700 lower than what she should have been paid originally, but no linkage and interest were added, in spite of the fact that The Insurance Contract Act (1981) requires a 4% annual addition to claims paid after the 30-day period.

Agency partner David Dushinsky attributes the lengthy delay in payment to his client's unwillingness to accept Sahar's assessor's report, by another assessor, who conveniently valued the vehicle's resale decline much lower. "Standard procedure in these cases" is how Dushinsky described the peculiar discrepancy between the first and second assessments. "In almost every case, arguments over the amount of damage to a car ensue. Had Y.I. taken what was offered her, she would have been reimbursed months ago," he said.

"What about interest and linkage?" I wanted to know. "The sum we ended up giving her - more than our original offer - was higher than interest and linkage," he retorted. "After all, we want to make gestures of goodwill towards our clients," he said shamelessly. Funny how goodwill has a way of getting lost in translation. "Furthermore," added Dushinsky, "Y.I. is not at liberty to sue us, as she signed a waiver upon termination of her claim."

Not to worry, Y.I. Statements uttered even with total confidence are not necessarily true. Since your letter of complaint indicated ignorance on your part about Sahar's legal obligations, the insurance company here was not acting in good faith. As such, you are at liberty to sue, not only for interest, but for "penalty" interest as well, at least regarding the sums not in controversy.

Y.I., fed up with being given a runaround, has decided to insure

her second family car with Sela. What she - and others out there like her - did not know is that she is under no obligation to insure her cars with either of these two companies, even as a government employee with a car allowance.

Treasury insurance supervisor Michael Kahana assured me that all such employees may insure their cars wherever they please. The only possible caveat is that they may have to add extra money to do so. "The government has long used Sahar to insure the cars of its employees simply because that company offered the cheapest deal. Now Sela has offered an equally good arrangement. There never has been a monopoly in this field, nor is there one in effect now," he said.

This was reiterated by the Accountant General's Office. Haim Fondaminsky, in charge of insurance at this department of the Treasury, provided me with a document (dated December 6, 1995) circulated to all government agency accountants, stating: "...that every employee has the right to insure his private automobile by any insurance company he wishes."

Keep in mind that auto insurance from Sahar or Sela - due to group rates - probably comes out cheaper per head. But beware that a company which handles huge masses of people needs a huge staff. As such, service may be impersonal, and severely lacking. Going through these channels is a bit like using Direct Insurance: You're on your own when you need a break. At least Y.I. and her colleagues can take comfort in knowing they have a choice.

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# Drink green tea and prolong life, say Japanese

PROMISING a taste that will linger for a lifetime, Isakii Watanabe fills a small pot with the best new tea of spring. Then he serves the tea by telling his guests not to drink it.

"Lick it," he commands. Roll it down the tongue to savor the subtle, even melancholy, blend of sweetness and faint bite, the gentle grassy scent. Then ponder the aesthetic he calls as the "essence of green."

"If you gulp it down," he declares, "you cannot experience green tea."

Watanabe, president of Kisakuen, a leading producer in Japan's green tea kingdom of Shizuoka south of Tokyo, has reason to be rhapsodic these days. A new study by US and Chinese researchers shows that drinking green tea reduces the risk of developing stomach cancer by as much as half.

The study of Shanghai residents by the National Cancer Institute and Shanghai Cancer Institute, now under review for publication, follows their 1994 joint study that found green tea consumption cut the risk of developing esophageal cancer by up to 60 percent. The reduced risk was determined after adjusting for diet, smoking habits, alcohol consumption and other factors.

In Japan, the brew's perceived benefits have long been praised if not clearly proven ever since it was introduced from China in the 9th century. Eisai, the founder of Japanese Zen Buddhism, extolled it as the "elixir that creates the mountain-dwelling immortal" in his 1211 tome, *Drink Tea and Prolong Life*. And numer-

ous studies in Japan have indicated protective effects against everything from cancer to tooth decay.

In the last five years, international research on green tea has proliferated, stirring excitement - and visions of new market opportunities - among Watanabe and other growers here. Shizuoka, an idyllic area of clear water and emerald hills, produces half of Japan's annual tea harvest of 86,000 tons.

Yet few people outside Japan and China drink it regularly; black tea accounts for 80 percent of world tea consumption although there is no evidence it has the same health benefits. Growers here hope the favorable research will take green tea global.

Since the 1994 Shanghai study, at least three other studies have been conducted on green tea, and they consistently indicate a protective effect, said Joseph McLaughlin, the lead NCI researcher on the two cancer studies who now heads the private International Epidemiology Institute in Rockville, Maryland.

In Shizuoka, research accelerated after a 1985 study found that residents of the town of Nakakawane drank more than seven times the amount of tea and suffered stomach cancer rates only 20 percent of the average Japanese. They averaged about 10 cups a day, said the study's author, food scientist Ito Oguni.

No one yet knows why green tea could protect health. But most research is focused on tea compounds known as polyphenols, which are believed to combat free radicals, a potentially destructive form of oxygen thought to cause

cancer by damaging healthy DNA, McLaughlin said.

However, he said the recent failure of beta carotene - once viewed as a magic bullet - to protect against lung cancer should caution researchers trying to determine which compound out of hundreds may be the protective factor in green tea. He said many more studies are necessary, including a random clinical trial that could take a minimum of five years and cost a few million dollars.

Still, McLaughlin said, the field holds promise.

"Green tea is getting into the category of fruits and vegetables," he said. "Clearly, a high consumption of fruits and vegetables protects individuals against cancer, and green tea could also be an item that could protect people from certain cancers."

Watanabe, well aware that Americans are not likely to give up their coffee breaks for green tea - visitors have told him it tastes like grass - has developed a fine powdered extract to put in food or in capsules. "If Americans eat this, they'll extend their lives," Watanabe says.

Even if you buy the right tea, properly making it is an entirely different challenge. To pour boiling water directly on the tender leaves constitutes unspeakable barbarism; it must be cooled, preferably by pouring it from kettle to container to teapot to cup. The amount of tea and water used, temperature and brewing time are all delicately calibrated and vary depending on the tea variety and quality.

(Los Angeles Times)

# Sparks fly as Jew sues Marks and Spencer over alleged bias

TOM GROSS

THE British clothing and supermarket giant Marks & Spencer, which is one of the world's largest supporters of Jewish and Israeli charities, was last week sued by a Jewish woman who claimed it was anti-semitic.

But Rosemary Hoffman, 51, from Wembley, northwest London, lost her court battle against the Jewish-owned chain.

An industrial tribunal in England ruled in favor of M&S's right to refuse Hoffman a £29,000-a-year job as a food technologist, when they learned she would refuse to eat pork and shellfish. M&S said it was a job requirement that their food tasters could eat all foods.

Hoffman told the tribunal she had many years' experience as a food technologist but had never been asked to taste food before. She said her job involved ensur-

ing the health, hygiene and safety of products, and in any case she would be able to taste 97 percent of the store's products if asked.

Evidence in support of Hoffman was given by Ruth Bishop, another applicant for the job. The 41-year-old microbiologist said "My female interviewer implied that I was the wrong religion when I told her I was Jewish."

"I did not even get to mention that I was a vegetarian," she added.

Dr. Thomas Clayton, of the M&S prepared-foods department, said a willingness to taste all foods was "an essential part of the job."

M&S head of recruitment Michelle Mendelsson said the applicants were not turned down because they are Jewish: "I

myself am Jewish and would certainly not have suggested that the company would not employ Jews."

The case has caused quite a stir in Britain. Writing in the *London Times*, one leading Jewish commentator said Hoffman's case was "nonsense" and the decision by Britain's Commission for Racial Equality to pay for her legal fees "went beyond stupidity."

Marks & Spencer, founded by Russian-Jewish refugee Michael Marks over 100 years ago, is now Britain's biggest retailer and has stores in 23 countries. There are six M&S franchise stores in Israel, although these stock only clothing and do not sell food products.

Hoffman now works as a food safety officer at Waltham Forest council, a local government office in London.

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## A cause for celebration

THERE is something refreshing about the way Turkey has treated its military agreements with Israel. Although it is a Moslem state on excellent terms with most of the Moslem regimes, Turkey is quite open about its close cooperation and joint training projects with Israel. It has not only rejected protests from Iran, Egypt, Syria, and Saudi Arabia, but has actually advertised details of the agreement about which Israel has been discreet.

In recent days Turkey has told the world that 12 Turkish warplanes have participated in training exercises with the Israel Air Force. Turkey intends to acquire radar networks and early warning systems from Israel, and to have 55 Phantom fighter planes renovated by Israel Aircraft Industries. Even the Turkish infantry's rifles may be replaced by Israeli Galils.

It is not difficult to guess why Turkey is attaching such importance to its relations with Israel. Its military establishment, the country's most dominant force, is far too sober to be seduced by siren songs of a New Middle East. It knows that the Syrian regime, rapidly building a vast arsenal of non-conventional weapons and sophisticated delivery systems, has no intention of being a friendly neighbor.

Turkey has also learned from bitter experience that Syrian dictator Hafez Assad's reputation as a man of his word is a myth propagated by Western governments wishing to do business with him. As Turkish officials have made a point of telling Israelis, Assad has violated every one of the 16 agreements he has made with Ankara. These have to do in particular with Syrian commitments not to support the terrorist activities of the Kurdish PKK, a Marxist group which trains, organizes, and launches attacks on Turkey from Syrian soil with full Syrian approval. Nor is Turkey unaware of the fact that parts of southern Turkey are still shown in Syrian maps as Syrian territory.

But not only realpolitik considerations animate the Turkish approach. With unimpeachable logic, Turkey assumes that democracies belong on the same side of the fence. If there is indeed anything new in today's world, it is not the perverse notion that tyrants can be persuaded to join free societies in establishing a new order, but that dictatorial regimes have proved abysmal failures while the democratic system has triumphed.

Turkey, the only Moslem democracy, has concluded that its political philosophy and

socio-economic goals are closer to those of the democratic world than to the frozen backwardness of its Islamic neighbors. This is also the way Turkey represents itself in its competition with Iran for influence in the Moslem republics in central Asia. The choice is clear: suffocating dictatorships and economic stagnation in the style of Iran and Syria, or the economic progress of free enterprise and the freedoms of democratic societies.

For Turkey to follow this thinking to its logical conclusion takes courage. Not only its Moslem neighbors but a powerful minority of Islamists in its own body politic are fiercely opposed to Ankara's tilt to the West, particularly the agreements with Israel.

Unfortunately, the majority parties are too enmeshed in personal rivalries and petty differences to form a solid front against the Islamists. In this, President Suleyman Demirel, who recently escaped an attempt on his life by an Islamist fanatic, is an indispensable force for progress. In his outspoken opposition to the injection of a religious agenda into security decisions, he represents precisely what the founder of modern Turkey, Kemal Ataturk, must have had in mind.

If there is a greater disappointment than the inability of the Turkish parliamentary majority to unite, it is Washington's thunderous silence about the Turkish-Israeli ties. US administrations have traditionally cheered the progress made by democratic forces and welcomed alliances between democracies, particularly those close to Washington.

Yet what should have been rewarded with both political encouragement and greater economic access has been treated as an insignificant development, if not an outright nuisance. In this, the White House may have been influenced by the Labor government's obsession with avoiding anything that might irritate Assad and cause him to withdraw from the "peace process" - which may be the reason the Turkish government is not unhappy about Binjamin Netanyahu's election victory.

It is time the US returns to one of the most fundamental principles of its foreign policy: support democratic societies and combat, not appease, dictatorships. The Turkish-Israeli friendship, so poignantly underlined by President Ezer Weizman's visit to Turkey this week, should be a cause for American celebration, and a major American effort to help make it work.



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## The dogs of war

URI DAN  
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WHEN Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah joined Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak recently for a mini-conference of Arab leaders in Damascus, he had far more on his mind than just brandishing the big stick at Bibi Netanyahu and threatening terrible deeds against Israel if Yasser Arafat doesn't get his own state with Jerusalem as the capital.

Abdullah was disturbed by the publicity the German magazine Stern had given to the construction of one of the world's largest chemical warfare plants at Aleppo in Syria.

Abdullah is only too aware - as is Israel - that President Assad has a stack of some 1,000 short-, middle- and long-range ground-to-ground missiles. These modern weapons, equipped with deadly chemical and biological warheads, can hit targets everywhere in Israel.

It is the same Abdullah and Saudi King Fahd whose donation of hundreds of millions of dollars enabled the Syrians to build the Aleppo plant, as well as the vast underground tunnels that, theoretically at least, ensure its safety.

With a Likud government back in power in Jerusalem, Abdullah is remembering how another right-wing leader, Menachem Begin, destroyed Baghdad's so-called "indestructible" nuclear reactor when faced by the threat of a potential Iraqi nuclear weapon.

Is history about to repeat itself? Like Israel, Abdullah knows that the Aleppo plant is all geared up for production.

If Assad decided to launch an attack on the plant on the pattern of its successful Osirak assault in 1982, Abdullah might lose his bitter struggle against Saudi Deputy Premier Prince Bandar Sultan to become the next king in Riyadh. For, like Fahd, Abdullah is a strong advocate of shoring up Assad's rule.

The price of Riyadh's bounty to Syria was Assad's restraint on Iran dispatching terrorists to cause mayhem in Saudi Arabia.

Popular resentment at the corruption of the country's 20,000

Swiss and other private bank accounts. If Abdullah gets shoved aside by bin Sultan or others, the women's status at the palace will suffer drastic downgrading. They clearly feel they need the billions stashed away with Rifat to ensure that they and their children don't go hungry.

The wily sisters also know that the US is wary about Abdullah becoming king. His initial hostility to allowing the US to protect Saudi Arabia after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990 has not been forgotten in the US.

Abdullah is deeply religious, and he is anti-West. Washington would much prefer the pro-American ambassador to the US, Bandar bin Sultan, who looks askance at the Syrian approach favored by Abdullah. He is highly suspicious of Assad's role in exporting Iranian terrorism via Damascus, terrorism the teacher-son Assad could direct at Saudi Arabia if it suited him.

WHAT IS alarming about the sudden publicity surrounding the Aleppo poison plant and its danger threat to Israel is the way its existence was kept under wraps by the the Labor government of Rabin and Peres. The Syrian effort to build a vast chemical plant was known 11 years ago, when Jonathan Pollard sent Israel details about the massive undertaking.

It was the CIA in 1991 that compelled a shipment of chemicals destined for Syria to be turned back to a German port with its cargo. A year later, after a Mossad tip-off, the Italians forced a ship from India carrying more chemicals for Syria to return its cargo promptly to the port of departure.

The government knew of the latent real-time danger posed by the Syrian chemical plant - a danger far more potent than the Iranian-sponsored terror that Labor ministers have been harping on for years - yet they didn't utter a word of warning about the monstrous construction proceeding apace in Aleppo.

One trembles to draw the obvious conclusion: that the illusion of a Syria "ready for peace" had to be kept alive at all costs for Peres and Rabin to soft-soap the public into believing Assad could be a trusted peace partner once he had been fed the opiate of the Golan Heights.

The right's electoral victory has fragmented the fantasy that the Arabs are now ready to make peace with Israel. The barrage of threats of belligerence if Israel does not withdraw to the 1967 lines and give Arafat his Palestinian state with his throne in Jerusalem is not a sudden plan concocted by Mubarak, Assad and Abdullah.

Intelligence sources report that the Arab leaders were ready to unveil it in about two years' from now had Peres won and conceded the above PLO demands. The plan was to be fired off in a blitz campaign if Peres refused to make further territorial concessions.

The panic reaction by Arab leaders, who are holding yet another summit conference this month, was triggered by the unexpected defeat of the "soft-touch" Labor government. And the hitherto thinly veiled threats to unleash the dogs of war are being aimed to put pressure on Netanyahu even before he can take over the reins of power. The aim is to get US pressure exerted on Israel.

A severe testing period lies ahead for both the new prime minister and the state.

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My unholly shatez of round spectacles and kippa is viewed suspiciously by both sides. Surely I am too traditional to be invited to Friday-night social gatherings, yet too secular to be part of religious festivities? Too understanding of the ideological motivation that drives the Greater Israel activists - but equally too leftist and (honor) actively supportive of a Palestinian state?

What really seems to throw them are those round spectacles, which just don't "belong." So nobody knows what box to put me in? Too bad. I'll just go on wearing those glasses.

During the week I mix with the left-wing, academic, bohemian, "round-spectacle brigade," many of whom do indeed pour unnecessary scorn on religion and the religious.

I MUST be schizophrenic. During the week I mix with the left-wing, academic, bohemian, "round-spectacle brigade," many of whom do indeed pour unnecessary scorn on religion and the religious.

Un-oh... those round spectacles give one away every time. Or do they?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CREDIT FOR HISTORIC CHANGE

Sir, - Ever since the results of the elections to the 14th Knesset were announced, the media have devoted considerable space to the question of who was responsible for the historic and revolutionary political upheaval that brought about the third defeat of the Labor Party headed by Shimon Peres and the victory of Bibi Netanyahu.

Yet the person who should be given credit for this upheaval is almost completely ignored. I refer to Brigadier-General Avigdor Kahalani, the devoted member of Rabin's and Peres's Labor party who left it in February to set up the new center party, The Third Way. After a mere three months and with practically no financial backing other than the legal limited contributions of its members, the party managed to receive four mandates in the new Knesset.

These four seats, together with the seven of Yisrael Ba'aliya, will prevent a majority coalition, even with the religious bloc. This is a significant political and historic achievement in Zionist history.

It is my belief that Avigdor Kahalani will go down in history as the second Ben-Gurion of the Zionist movement. He will be instrumental not only in saving the peace process, but will bring about the restoration of the Israel Labor movement to its liberal and all-embracing central political position. YEHUDA LEVY Omer.

### ANTI-ISRAEL BIAS

Sir, - One of the things which truly made me sick about foreign media was its anti-Israel and anti-Jewish bias. I could never get a straight story out of the papers abroad about what was happening here.

I expected a different situation here. But I am shocked to find that the local media, including the Post, recorded the events of Shavuot morning, but left out a small detail. I have lost every drop of respect for the Post for not mentioning the stones thrown upon the Jews beforehand. My request to The Jerusalem Post: either report things as they are, or go abroad and join the rest of the anti-Jewish media. DANIEL BERNSTEIN Jerusalem.

### THE GREAT CALCULATOR

Sir, - David Makovsky writes, correctly, that "by being hard-nosed in the peace negotiations with Labor over the last four years, Assad... contributed heavily to Prime Minister Peres's defeat" (June 4). So Makovsky calls Assad "the Great Calculator," but wrongly. Assad really wanted to defeat Peres's policy because he saw it as a threat to the very existence of his regime.

Peres offered Assad the Golan in exchange for complete normalization of relations between the two countries. Suppose Assad had accepted. Then the international pressure would have begun on him to give Lebanon back to the Lebanese. Also normalization would have meant thousands of Israeli tourists descending on Damascus, including Israeli Arabs boasting of how they overthrew the pre-Peres government. A fine example for citizens in Assad's police state!

Together with his offer, Peres constantly proclaimed that, in the New Middle East, all the countries would turn into Western-style capitalist democracies. As Assad heard it, Peres was aiming to sweep away all the existing Arab regimes, not just his own. It was a universal proclamation of war against all the present Arab rulers.

So Assad opposed, blocked and sabotaged the Peres policy in every possible way. Since Makovsky credits Assad with succeeding, he should rather call him "the Great Calculator." BARBARA WATT London.

### JERUSALEM, CAPITAL OF ISRAEL

Sir, - How very strange and contradictory we British are!

In 1917, the then foreign secretary, Lord Balfour, issued the declaration... "His Majesty's Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object." It was not stated that the national homeland would not include its historic capital.

Psalm 147 states "The Lord builds up Jerusalem. He gathers the exiles of Israel." From the time the psalms were written during the time of King David, the Jewish monarch, Jerusalem has been the capital of the land that the Almighty promised to the Jewish people as inheritance forever.

Contrary to the statement, by our present Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, that "Israel is in military occupation of East Jerusalem and only has de-facto authority over West Jerusalem" - it is the Gentile nations who have been in military occupation of Jerusalem throughout the last 2,000 years. These same nations are now in uproar because the words of the psalm are literally being fulfilled before their eyes.

If Mr. Rifkind is confused, perhaps he should read the good book along with other members of our parliament. If parliament doesn't like what it says, their quarrel is not with the people or government of Israel, but with the God of Israel! BARBARA WATT London.

### NEW KNESSET OPPOSITION

Sir, - One might attribute MK Ran Cohen's vilification of the religiously observant, the "settlers," the Likud and all others who did not vote for Meretz as the "sour grapes" of a highly deserving loser (May 31).

However, even when he was a winner, he denigrated, inter alia, the settlers as "not real Israelis."

Thank God Mr. Cohen will now have four years, *ken yirbu* (may they multiply), to reflect on and correct his prejudices from the perspective of the Knesset opposition benches. MOSHE BERLIN Jerusalem.

## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



The penchant we have these days for pasting an advertisement on every available space is getting out of hand: this fellow manages to get his message across even at the Western Wall, proving that absolutely nothing is sacred. The script reads: "There is no peace without holy Shabbat. Shabbat Shalom to you, Israel. (signed) The Western Wall Man" (Elisaveta Kishchok)

## Seeing is believing

DAVID NEWMAN

HERE we go again. They're wheeling out the heavy artillery.

Journalists and publicists, notably media darling Yosef (Tommy) Lapid, are lambasting the "round-spectacle" brigade, the "Sheinkin crowd," for their lack of values and immature arrogance, their refusal to accept the verdict of the country in the magnificent display of democracy evidenced in the elections.

Outside Beit Sokolov (the journalists' headquarters) in Tel Aviv recently, I passed a three-woman demonstration protesting what they viewed as the left-wing bias of the media. Their posters showed Shimon Peres speaking, and a gagged Binjamin Netanyahu. I couldn't resist commenting that perhaps this whole attack on the media was simply part of the right's imagination.

This evoked a diatribe from the women, ending with the most withering comment: "Well, we can see whom you support by the shape of your glasses."

Yes, I admit it - I wear round glasses. I also voted for Peres, and strongly support the peace process. To make it worse, I am an academic, a social scientist, one of those creatures known for their left-wing, post-Zionist, Arab-loving tendencies.

But before you file me away under the stereotype, I should add that I attend synagogue, eat kosher, send my children to State-Religious schools and to the Bnei Akiva youth movement, in which I myself grew up. And I made aliya from the free West and don't intend to pack my bags.

True, I don't wear a kippa the whole time any more, but that's largely because the kippa has become a political statement. It defines the group you belong to, and the corresponding political, social, religious and moral values.

It is part of the stereotyping in our society, where it is virtually impossible to be an individual. You have to belong to a group - and once you belong, you are expected to think, act, and speak like the rest of the group.

And, of course, if you're not part of the "in" group, the alternative is to be part of the "out" group, those who don't belong and don't have any meaningful values.

I MUST be schizophrenic. During the week I mix with the left-wing, academic, bohemian, "round-spectacle brigade," many of whom do indeed pour unnecessary scorn on religion and the religious.

Un-oh... those round spectacles give one away every time. Or do they?

I then go home and see some of my neighbors and fellow worshippers - the knitted kippa, yeshiva high school, ardent nationalist brigade - who, in turn, pour equally unnecessary scorn on the secular world.

Live together in national unity? What a joke. The extent to which each side stereotypes the "other" makes it just another Israeli miracle that the whole thing didn't blow up long ago.

The sanctimonious way each side is convinced that the other's values have no meaning; the way their respective leaders portray the other side as a threat... much of it comes from ignorance.

And the truth is that religious and secular meet each other less and less. Each has its own schools, army units, universities. Residential neighborhoods are increasingly segregated.

Neither side seems prepared to make the minimal concessions necessary to really understand the other. Each perceives political power as a means of advancing its own interests, at the expense of the other's.

And, meanwhile, they continue to talk about a "status quo" which has been constantly changing since the day it came into existence.

My unholly shatez of round spectacles and kippa is viewed suspiciously by both sides. Surely I am too traditional to be invited to Friday-night social gatherings, yet too secular to be part of religious festivities? Too understanding of the ideological motivation that drives the Greater Israel activists - but equally too leftist and (honor) actively supportive of a Palestinian state?

What really seems to throw them are those round spectacles, which just don't "belong." So nobody knows what box to put me in? Too bad. I'll just go on wearing those glasses.

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העיתון הירושלמי

# From LA to TA: A new perspective for teens

American teenagers here on a program called Operation Unity say their five-week visit has opened their minds, reports Jessica Steinberg

THEY sit around the communal room at their dorm on the kibbutz, 10 teenagers, all from the Los Angeles area. They look like Israeli teenagers, with slight stylistic differences. Merin Ciophia's low-slung cut-off shorts, Nyesha Favorite's six-foot-long frame and head covered with shoulder-length braids, Giovanni Valencia's pencil-thin mustache.

There are some other variations, but what amazes these African-American and Latino high-school seniors most is how their color is defined here in Israel.

"It's like they can smell Americans coming from a mile away," Valencia says, grinning.

"They kept on saying 'Chicago, Chicago,'" laughs Enrique Carmona, a stocky 18-year-old.

Tracee Anderson, a sweet-faced 18-year-old, sums it up: "They make me feel more American here," she says. "We're not looked at like blacks or Hispanics, we're just these Americans."

From their lips to Cookie Lommel's ears. Lommel is the African-American journalist from Los Angeles who founded Operation Unity, the program that sent these 10 students from Los Angeles to spend about five weeks at Kibbutz Beit Zera in northern Israel. The goal is to create lines of communication between the African-American and Jewish communities and to develop the teenagers' leadership abilities, as well as their multicultural awareness.

Lommel said she feels that a kibbutz is the best environment for such an endeavor, with its emphasis on cooperation and its strong work ethic.

"The ultimate goal here is to understand the importance of people working together," Lommel said while in-Israel in May to visit her recruits. "How people who wanted something had to work together to create it, how they worked together from the ground up."

As a freelance writer for music trade publications, Lommel had been a front-row observer of black artists and Jewish music executives working together and couldn't understand why this wasn't occurring in the outside world. After a 1991 trip here to witness the integration of Ethiopian Jews into Israeli society, she came up with the idea of immersing African-American teenagers into Israeli-Jewish society.

It took three years for Lommel to raise the money for the first Operation Unity in the summer of 1994. Finally, with the assistance of various council members and community leaders, the funds were raised and the first 10 teenagers were sent off with Sandy Wolfson - the high-school guidance counselor who assisted in the rigorous recruitment and selection process and is still involved with the program.

"The premise was that we wanted kids who were not completely living up to their full potential," Lommel says. "Teachers from one of the participating schools would call me up and tell me that they had a kid who would really benefit from the program."

She talks about the students from the previous trip, such as Jesse, whose probation officer believes that without this opportunity, the 18-year-old would have been dead by the end of the summer due to gang involvement. By



Participants in the Operation Unity program rave about the freedom of kibbutz life and its lack of formalities. (Sarit Uziely)

the following winter, after the program, Jesse was speaking in front of the Optimists' Club, a business association that was working to raise college funds for him.

Sean, another past participant, made the rounds at churches, synagogues and schools, and after an appearance at Hebrew Union College, the rabbi who had introduced him asked if he could hire

him for their faculty.

"They're that inspired after the program," Lommel says. "They see that you can make changes over the course of time, that anything really is possible."

TALKING TO the teenagers themselves, it's easy to see that five weeks of kibbutz life has altered their perspectives. They speak excitedly about learning

Hebrew, meeting Israeli teenagers, and touring the country. Their main complaint seems to revolve around food, especially the kibbutz kitchen fare, although they've solved that with biweekly pizza outings in Tiberias.

They're amazed by the freedom of kibbutz life, the unlocked doors and cars, the bicycles that sit outside the public buildings, for use by kibbutz members.

"Someone's shoes were sitting outside their door for a whole week and no one touched them," Valencia says in amazement. "You see 80-year-olds on bicycles and no one thinks that's weird."

Alice Talamantes, a 19-year-old with short bleached hair and a row of earrings marching up her left ear, is fascinated by the lack of formalities.

"One old lady," she says, "she

just came up to me and put her hand on my cheek and asked me to get her a cup of coffee. Just like that."

"They always want to play with my braids," says Favorite, who works with five-year-olds in one of the kibbutz kindergartens. "They rub my skin to see if the color will come off, and they always ask me where I really come from."

The teenagers also are fascinated by the land itself, its history, its politics.

"There's ruins all over the place here," Talamantes comments. "We went to Beit Gurvin and there's no question that it feels older than LA. There's also this spiritual thing here. Like at the Wall, you felt that you were close to God. I put a note in the Wall. I hope He hears me."

Their experiences, both in and out of the kibbutz, have also fused them into a cohesive group. Talamantes says that before this trip she had no African-American friends, but that this program has expanded her perspective.

"I'm more open-minded now," she says. "We'll bicker, me and Robert, but it's just teasing. He's cool and I wouldn't have known that before the trip."

"It's been the ongoing group experiences," Anderson says. "We're away from home and that gives us a different perspective. I thought Merin was real quiet at the first workshop and then we started talking and I think we'll keep in touch now."

Carmona, who has been fairly quiet for the session, pipes in with his two cents.

"Everyone hangs out with their own group because it's easier on one if you've never talked to that person before," he explains. "But it doesn't mean that you won't hang with the others."

"Basically," Talamantes says, "we've all had the curiosity to expand our minds, and it wouldn't have mattered if we were Latinos or blacks or Chinese or Japanese. All I know is that I don't want to leave. Let's just get lost and find jobs in Tel Aviv."

## Accept that the problem is from within

**DEAR RUTHIE,**  
RUTHIE BLUM

**D**ear Ruthie, For the past 10 years I have been having an affair with a married man. It started when I was still married, but I have since divorced. My lover has no intention of leaving his wife, and I accept this. I have begun looking around to meet other men, all the while continuing my affair. The problem is that nobody compares to my lover, so I have trouble starting a new leaf.

**Affairs of the Heart**  
Disheartened  
Somewhere in Israel  
Dear Heart-Disheartened,

Starting a new leaf is an internal process put into effect by external measures - not the other way around. Having gone through a divorce, you of all people should realize this.

Though you may believe you accept your lover's choice, your behavior indicates otherwise. Continuing the affair while "looking" elsewhere can mean one of two things, or a combination of both: either you are not genuinely seeking another partner or you need your lover as an invisible shield against other men.

When you were married, your husband provided this shield - in the background of your affair. Now that you are divorced, you may be transferring your husband's role on to your lover. Sorting all this out won't necessarily help you find "Mr. Right," but it will open you up to the

possibility of meeting him, or to the possibly unpleasant realization that you may not really want a sole soulmate in your life.

**Dear Ruthie,**  
I read a book about how to add romance and enhance sexual excitement in a marriage. After following all the suggested steps, all I got was teased by my husband.

**Worse than that, he got annoyed when I lit candles around the bedroom, and wax dripped onto his shoe. His idea of romance is a quickie before setting the alarm clock. You always say that changes in one's behavior can cause changes in the behavior of others. This is proof that you're wrong.**  
Quickie Alarmed.  
Tel Aviv

**Dear Quickie Alarmed,**  
I still believe that changes in one's behavior can affect that of others. Perhaps your following of steps in a "how-to" manual is actually a behavioral pattern completely in keeping with your usual tendencies.

If so, your husband's response to the "romantic" trappings is probably very familiar. To change, one must act out of character.

In your case, this may entail having to turn the pre-alarm-setting quickie into a prolonged sexual adventure.

By igniting the right wick, all the others will become superfluous. Not to mention less damaging to your husband's precious

**Dear Ruthie,**  
A friend of mine was fired over a year ago. Since then, I have been active in trying to find him another job through various connections.

**Each time I provide him with a new contact, however, he fails to follow through (doesn't show up at interviews, demands too much money, etc.).**  
Each time I tell myself that it is the last time and that I will not involve myself in his career decisions. But then he returns to complain about being out of work, and pity gets the better of me. How can I get him to stop seeking my help, when it's clear he doesn't want it?  
Friend in a Fury  
Ramalayim  
Dear F in F,

The best course of action would be to teach yourself not to fall prey to the twinges of guilt and pity which this person evokes.

Extricating oneself from the emotional manipulation of others is not as difficult as it tends to feel, however. Sometimes, even a solitary refusal to a trivial request is enough to break even a particularly vicious cycle.

You can test this premise by having "run out" of contacts the next time your former colleague comes knocking at your office door. And keep guilt at bay by reminding yourself that he hasn't shown himself genuinely ready to utilize them anyway.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@jpost.co.il

## Teaching values: One school's approach

**A**t Annandale High School, a melting pot of Asian, Latino, black and white students in the Virginia suburbs adjoining Washington DC, parents and teachers this year gave birth to a character education program based on what they call the "seven cornerstones of character": honesty, citizenship, fairness, caring, responsibility, respect and self-discipline.

Lorraine Johnson, a math teacher at Annandale High and the parent of a senior there, was an early skeptic of the character initiative. "I thought we would be pushing our values on someone else," said Johnson, who at 48 has been teaching for 25 years.

But in the months since the cornerstones of character were adopt-

ed and her fellow teachers began incorporating them into their lessons, Johnson has come to see them as "just common sense, the way people should behave."

The seven virtues embraced by Annandale, added Johnson, "might seem like consensus, but it's not clear the kids learn them at home... They think it's perfectly acceptable to cheat on a test." Following advice from the burgeoning industry of experts in character education, the organizers of Annandale's program sought out parents and students early in the process to hammer out a list of virtues that all could agree on. In several sessions last summer, the committee of volunteers huddled to draft such a list.

THE EXERCISE was revealing. Although participants say the

process was surprisingly free of acrimony, the exchanges offered a glimpse into the conflicting impulses of American adults as they grapple with a perceived moral crisis.

Several teachers and parents, for instance, rejected "tolerance" as a proposed cornerstone. Some argued that in a world where right is right and wrong is wrong, that tolerance was just a bit too accepting. Others argued that tolerance was not quite positive enough. For many minorities, for instance, they argued it was not enough just to be tolerated; one wanted to be respected as well. All of those involved, however, could agree that "respect" covered the necessary territory.

Others wanted to zero in on student behavior by stiffening penalties for cheating, indiscipline and

infractions of the school's dress code. But teachers like Pat Giegerich, a 43-year veteran of teaching, who spearheaded Annandale's effort, urged them to fight back the impulse to "real" symptoms and argued that teaching students larger lessons about respect and responsibility would have a more lasting effect on their behavior.

"People want instant solutions," said Giegerich. "But you can't stop cheating unless you create people who value honesty."

"This is about creating a society in which people have a stake and treat people the way they would want to be treated. And discipline has to be part of that. Discipline based on coercion and threats alone is not going to work."

(Los Angeles Times)

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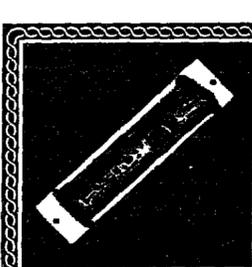
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

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## New apartment sales up in first quarter

Jerusalem Post Staff

SALES of new apartments rose during the first three months of the year in comparison with both the previous quarter and the corresponding period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

During the January-March period, 11,000 newly-built apartments were offered for sale in Israel's 24 largest cities, and 4,770 of them were sold. During the last three months of last year, 4,400 new apartments were sold of 10,610 offered. In 1995's first quarter 11,041 new apartments were offered for sale, and 4,686 of them were sold.

The cities where the most new apartments were sold were Petah Tikva (1,046), Tel Aviv-Jaffa (492), Haifa (332), Rehovot (320), Rishon LeZion (298), Ashdod (294), Jerusalem (253), Netanya (215) and Ashkelon (203).

Of the newly built apartments sold in this year's first quarter, 48 percent were four-room flats, 42% have five rooms or more, and 10% have three rooms or less.

Most of the sold apartments were in preliminary construction stages, one in five was at the stage just before completion, and 3% were fully built.

## Leumi hires Coopers & Lybrand to chart strategic master plan

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Leumi has hired the services of Coopers & Lybrand, the New York-based multinational accounting and consultancy specialist, in order to assist it with its Ofakim 2000 project, a strategic business plan intended to redraw the bank's long-term strategies.

Cooper's will work with the Kesselman Management Services company, a subsidiary of the Kesselman and Kesselman accounting firm.

Bank Leumi said Kesselman will work directly with its Ofakim 2000 team in Israel, while the US firm will present Bank Leumi's management with existing bank models and methods of implementing

various models into the bank.

Leumi said the move should give it a competitive advantage over other banks, and help it to focus on new technologies which are necessary for banking in the future.

The new program is expected to increase Leumi's efficiency and improve its banking services, but it is not bound to generate major structural or personnel changes.

The Bank said Ofakim 2000 will examine banking trends with respect to customer demands and requirements in light of demographic changes, technological developments and bank-licensing laws.

## Gov't denies reports of Mad Cow imports

DAVID HARRIS and news agencies

ISRAEL did not import British animal feed potentially contaminated with the agent that causes the so-called madcow disease, the Director of the Agriculture Ministry Veterinary Services Amnon Shimshoni said last night.

His comments were made in response to the latest edition of the science journal *Nature* which reported that Britain more than doubled exports of potentially contaminated animal feed after banning use of such feed itself.

Citing government statistics, it said tens of thousands of tons of feed that could have included the remains of infected animals were exported after a 1988 ban on using it in Britain.

Israel imported nearly 10,000 tons of British feed in 1991, the journal said.

However, according to Shimshoni, since January 1989, Israel has imported "not one gram" of

beef meal. "The only feed we import is from poultry," he said.

Indeed since then, said Shimshoni, every batch of foodstuff bought from Britain has carried a certificate showing it is only from poultry. Moreover, the feed is only purchased from factories where no beef is used in production, he added.

According to Shimshoni, Israel was the first government in the world to take such measures. In July 1990, Jerusalem's ambassador to the European Union, Avi Primor, received a letter from the Union's Agriculture Commissioner which suggested Israel was taking exaggerated safety measures which could impede trade.

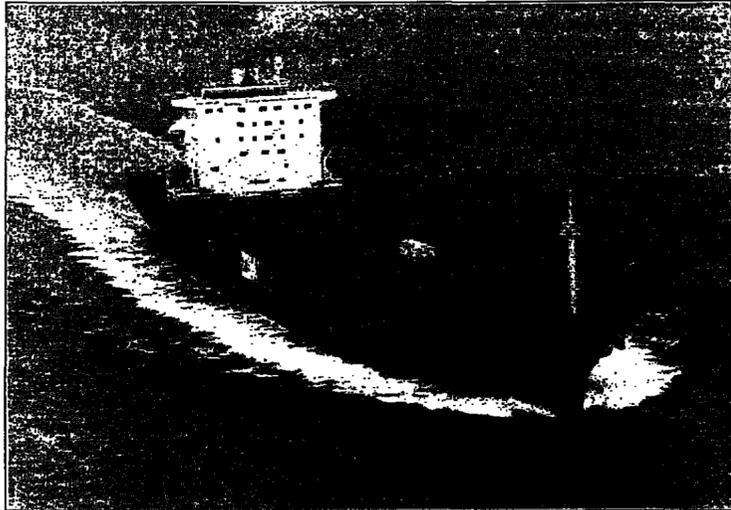
"Israel decided it wouldn't take any chances," said Shimshoni last night. "Israeli cows

haven't eaten beef feed from anywhere since 1990, and our cattle are the leading producers of milk in the world."

Shimshoni suggests *Nature* may have been misled by the British Agriculture Ministry statistics which did not specify what types of meal Israel had been purchasing.

British government scientists say they believe mad cow disease - Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) - is caused by feeding cattle the remains of sheep infected with scrapie, their own version of the deadly, brain-wasting disease.

The European Union banned exports of all British beef and beef products in March, after London admitted that some cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, the human version of mad cow disease, could be caused by eating infected beef.



The 'Zim Asia' steams toward Haifa yesterday. The first of eight ships built for Zim by the H.D.W. Shipyards of Kiel, Germany, the 'Zim Asia' can carry 3,400 containers.

## Main shareholders oppose sale of Oberson Fashion to Kilil Yofi Model

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

AN agreement to sell Oberson Gideon Fashion Industries to Kilil Yofi Model may be canceled because the company's major shareholder refuses to give the buyers' indemnity, Kilil Yofi general manager Yossi Lev said yesterday.

Sources close to Oberson Gideon said last-minute efforts are being made to convince Dani Steinitz, who owns about 42% of the company, to approve indemnity to Kilil.

The Nazareth-based Kilil has conditioned the final signing of the agreement on its receipt of indemnity, which is intended to protect the potential buyers from legal claims in the case of a creditors' arrangement.

At the end of last week, the companies reached an agreement for the sale of 77 percent of Oberson to Kilil, for \$2 million in cash and an investment of \$4m. into the Ramat-Gan based beachwear manufacturer.

According to the agreement the company's existing shareholders, the Steinitz family and the Oberson

family, which holds 30% of the shares, will pay off Oberson's debts which amount to about \$3m.

The company accumulated its debts after its US distributor went bankrupt, and also as a result of relatively large-scale investments in the establishment of a distribution network in the US, which was not compensated for by an increase in sales.

Lev said that the obstacles which have emerged might prevent the agreement's final approval.

Kilil, the manufacturer of Pipel bathing suits and private labels for foreign companies including Sara Lee, is controlled by the Peled family and by Lev, who hold 80% and 20% of the company's shares, respectively.

The company currently controls about one-third of the local beachwear market.

Lev said the purchase of Oberson is part of Kilil's plans to expand its activities in the beachwear field. The merger, he believes, should not result in massive layoffs, though several production lines might have to be closed.

## BA, American Airlines deal expected to be cleared by US, EU regulators

LONDON (Reuters) - British Airways and American Airlines may face a rough ride over their controversial alliance but analysts and industry executives say the deal will eventually be cleared by US and European authorities.

The proposed partnership has already hit flak from Richard Branson, owner of rival Virgin Atlantic, but US airlines are being more circumspect, mainly, analysts say, because the deal means increased access to London Heathrow, Europe's most lucrative landfall for transatlantic traffic.

Washington is linking approval to getting an "open skies" air services agreement with Britain which would entail giving all US airlines access to Heathrow.

Under the current agreement only four airlines, American Airlines, United Airlines, British Airways and Virgin are allowed to operate transatlantic services out of Heathrow, and these are restricted to specific destinations and frequencies.

"I am sure that there are many issues that need to be thrashed out but I think ultimately they will get it," said Mike Powell, European airlines analyst at NatWest Markets.

"They make the point that they only overlap on six (transatlantic) routes and there is already competition on all of these routes except Dallas-London," Powell said.

"The argument is going to be that all of these routes are to be opened up to competition for any UK or US airline and I think that is how the US authorities will justify approving the deal to themselves and to their constituents."

Branson's own trans-Atlantic alliance partner Delta Air Lines says it will oppose the BA/American

Airlines deal, but adds it might not if the US government secured the right "open skies" air services agreement with Britain which gave Delta adequate flying rights at Heathrow.

"We will be lobbying for open skies" and access to Heathrow along with a guarantee of (runway) slots and facilities, and if it's in there to the extent that Delta wants then we will be for it," said Dean Brest, Delta's spokesman in London.

American's biggest home rival United Airlines said it will not object, not least because it's own grand alliance with Deutsche Lufthansa has already got approval.

BA and American Airlines may have a hard time persuading the authorities that their combined 60 percent share of the Anglo-US market is not anti-competitive.

But they argue that their combine is no bigger than the United Airlines-Lufthansa axis which pulls in Scandinavian Airlines Systems, Thai Airways and Air Canada.

"It's a bit ironic that BA's competitors have blazed the regulatory trail for them," said Powell.

## BUSINESS IN BRIEF

**Ampa buys share of Avionetics:** Ampa Investments has signed an agreement to purchase 20 percent of Avionetics, for \$750,000. Avionetics is a subsidiary of Elisa Holdings, the largest company in Israel engaged in electronic warfare. During the last few years Elisa has invested heavily in civilian application of its military technologies. Avionetics is engaged in development of Integrated Cockpit Information Systems, sophisticated systems that enable pilots, with a touch of a button, to receive all operational data needed to fly a plane. *Galit Lipkis Beck*

**Electra to sell Goldstar's products here:** Korean industrial conglomerate Goldstar has announced it has contracted Electra to market its products in Israel. Goldstar, which manufactures household electrical appliances, employs more than 100,000 people worldwide. Company sales last year stood at \$64 billion, with the firm controlling 16 percent of the world VCR market.

Purchases of Goldstar products have been increasing in recent years in Israel, and the company sees room for further growth in sales, in part as a result of the peace process and also the rise in living standards. *David Harris*

**More computer sales to Slovenia:** Super Shivuk Technologies Ltd. has won a \$900,000 tender to provide 860 Packard Bell computers to Slovenia's ministry of education.

The Holon-based distribution company markets Packard Bell computers in Israel and Eastern Europe. In 1995, Super Shivuk Technologies sold \$3m. worth of computers to Slovenia's military and treasury. During the first quarter of 1996, Super Shivuk Technologies' sales of Packard Bell products totaled about \$5m., a 61% increase over the corresponding period one year ago. *Jennifer Friedman*

**Internal air passengers up by 14 percent:** The Civil Aviation Administration has reported that there were a million passengers flying on internal flights in Israel in 1995, 14 percent more than the previous year. The increase, the administration said, was far greater than the international average of 5 percent. The reason for the increase, the administration said, was the rise in the number of tourists from abroad, the upward swing in Israeli's disposable income and the increased number of landing fields around the country. *Haim Shapiro*

**Call for committee on Greece-Israel trade:** The Hellenic Foreign Trade Board has called on the Israel to jointly create a permanent committee for trade co-operation between Athens and Jerusalem. Meeting senior Industry and Trade Ministry officials, the Greek delegation said this week that it wants to increase imports and exports in both directions. Over the last five years bilateral trade has more than doubled, reaching \$347 million in 1995. *David Harris*

**Tourists turnover up in first quarter:** The tourist-based hotel sector's turnover in the first three months of the year stood at NIS 808 million, up 20 percent over the same period last year, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Bureau for Statistics.

In the same period, the number of nights spent in hotels rose by 13%. The increase in turnover also comes on the heels of activities, including the use of sports facilities and hotels, functions. Fifty-eight percent of turnover was received in foreign currency worth more than \$150 million, reported the CBS. That represents a 22% increase on the first three months of 1995. Of that sum, 75% was spent in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Eilat. The remainder of turnover, almost NIS 340 million, came from Israelis and was not exempt from VAT. Turnover in shekels was up 12% to 13% over the same period last year. *David Harris*

## Special US court blocks new Internet indecency law

PHILADELPHIA (Reuters) - In a ground-breaking decision on free-speech rights over the Internet, a special US court panel blocked a "unconstitutional" new federal law prohibiting indecency on computer networks.

The three-judge panel issued Wednesday a preliminary injunction blocking enforcement of portions of the Communications Decency Act (CDA), signed by President Clinton on February 8, which prohibit the distribution of minors of indecent or "patently offensive" materials over computer networks.

The court let stand prohibitions against obscenity and child pornography, types of speech that are not constitutionally protected and were not challenged by the act's opponents.

"The Internet may fairly be regarded as a never-ending worldwide conversation," US District Judge Stewart Dalzell, a member of the panel, said in his opinion

accompanying the decision. "The government may not, through the CDA, interrupt that conversation. As the most participatory form of mass speech yet developed, the Internet deserves the highest protection from governmental intrusion," he said.

Also on the panel were US District Court Judge Ronald Chief Justice of the Third Circuit US Court of Appeals.

In its legal conclusion, the court said the blocked portions of the act were unconstitutional on their face.

The injunction was issued in response to a lawsuit against the US Justice Department challenging the act. The challenge was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and groups representing libraries, publishers and the computer on-line industry.

A Justice Department spokesman said the agency had no immediate comment on the ruling.

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**ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS**

**Petah (foreign currency deposit rates) (6.5.96)**

Currency (deposit term)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$200,000)	4.825	4.750	4.520
Found sterling (£100,000)	4.125	4.250	4.500
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.750	1.750	1.750
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.500	0.500	0.750
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates may higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

**Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates\* (12.6.96)**

CURRENCY BASKET	BUY	SELL	BUY	SELL	Rep.
U.S. dollar	3.5186	3.6789	3.19	3.36	3.4499
German mark	2.1127	2.1488	2.07	2.18	2.0730
French franc	0.2524	0.2628	0.24	0.25	0.2378
Japanese yen (100)	2.9872	3.0751	2.91	3.08	2.8958
Dutch guilder	1.8857	1.9172	1.85	1.92	1.8697
Swiss franc	2.8815	2.9288	2.81	2.88	2.8224
Swedish krona	0.4894	0.4912	0.47	0.50	0.4872
Norwegian krona	0.2544	0.2524	0.24	0.25	0.2472
Denmark krone	0.2478	0.2585	0.24	0.25	0.2488
French mark	0.8912	0.7924	0.87	0.72	0.8971
Canadian dollar	2.1789	2.4153	2.12	2.25	2.2097
Australian dollar	2.8700	2.8115	2.82	2.46	2.3880
S. African rand (R)	0.7485	0.7588	0.67	0.76	0.7525
Singapore dollar (S)	1.0289	1.0485	1.00	1.10	1.0272
Austrian schilling (S)	3.0020	3.0020	2.95	1.06	1.0255
Italian lire (1000)	1.0289	1.0485	1.00	1.10	1.0272
Israeli sheqel	2.0634	2.1272	2.05	2.18	2.1109
EU	—	—	—	—	—
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.92	4.88	4.7295
Yen	3.588	4.0988	3.52	4.00	3.9295
Yen (100)	3.1186	3.1582	3.02	3.10	3.0730
Spanish peseta (100)	2.8044	2.8446	2.68	2.78	2.6997

\* These rates may according to bank. \*\* Bank of Israel.  
SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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**Key Representative Rates**

Chicago  
US dollar ... NIS 3.2781 +0.06%  
Sterling ... NIS 5.0278 ... %  
Mark ... NIS 2.1304 -0.12%

**TEL AVIV STOCKS**

**Multi-sided trading**

Commercial	Price	Chg	Volume
Bank Leumi	170.00	-0.2	100
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**Two-sided trading**

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**Industrial**

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**Mortgage Banks & Finance**

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**Financial Institutions**

Company	Price	Chg	Volume
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**Insurance**

Company	Price	Chg	Volume
Bank Leumi	170.00	-0.2	100
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**Trade & Services**

Company	Price	Chg	Volume
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**Property, Building & Agriculture**

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**Other stock market indexes**

Index	Value	Chg
FTSE 100	2780.1	+12.2
DAX	1012.1	+0.2
Nikkei	12100.0	+10.0
Hong Kong	10000.0	+10.0
S&P 500	10000.0	+10.0

**London shares rise amid quiet trading**

LONDON - Shares ended modestly higher in a quiet market still largely dominated by US concerns. For the third successive day, trading was patchy, with few investors confident of committing themselves in a packed week of UK and US economic data. The FTSE 100 closed at the day's best of 3,769.2, a gain of 13.5 points.

FRANKFURT - Shares ended lower after trading in a narrow range throughout most of the session. Brokers said investors were unwilling to make big bets on either the buy or the sell side ahead of the DAX reached the new high on follow-through buying interest after the market rallied on Tuesday following signs of lower-than-expected US wholesale inflation.

HONG KONG - Stocks surged due to buying in a broad range of shares centering on blue chips such as Sony and Matsushita Electric Industrial, with the benchmark Nikkei average gaining more than 1 percent to close at a one-month high. The Nikkei closed up 287.18 points, or 1.32 percent, at 22,104.80.

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**Poor showings on Wall Street send TASE stocks lower**

STOCKS sank after rising yesterday following declines in Israeli companies traded on Wall Street, including Koor Industries and the Israel Corp.

Investors were also concerned about Israel's increasing trade deficit, which rose 1.4 percent in May from April to \$947 million.

"The trade deficit will reach \$11.5 billion this year," said Eitan Shatzman, a fund manager at Zehar Avlagon in Ramat Gan. "While the deficit isn't a surprise, we thought the trend was changing and wouldn't keep growing."

The Maof Index of 25 issues fell 0.83% to 213.48 and the Two-Sided Index of 100 shares fell 0.77% to 202.52. Of 987 shares trading across the exchange, 23 shares fell for every 10 that rose.

Some NIS 61.4 million worth of shares changed hands, NIS 11.2m. below yesterday's level and about NIS 30m. below last week's average trading level.

Koor fell 2.25%. Koor's American Depository Receipts, which fell 1/4 to 18 1/2 yesterday, were down 1/4.

Koor subsidiary Tadiran fell 2.25% percent as well. Tadiran subsidiary Elisra yesterday announced it had entered into a joint venture with Ampa Investment to develop electronic equipment for civilian aircraft. Ampa's shares fell 5%.

Israel Corp. fell 2.75% following declines in Tower Semiconductor Ltd., which fell to a six-month low of 10 1/2 yesterday after announcing it had ended an agreement for Hewlett-Packard Co. to buy silicon wafers from Tower, which is not traded in Tel Aviv.

Tower's shares were up 1/4 at 11. Eisenberg also held meetings with representatives of American businessman Michael Milken in order to interest Milken in purchasing a stake in Israel Chemicals Ltd. from the government, reported Israel Radio.

Eisenberg bought 25 percent of ICL from the government last year, and 26% of the company trades on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. The government holds the rest.

ICL's shares fell 1.75%. ICL subsidiary Dead Sea Works rose 0.25% and subsidiary Dead Sea Bromine closed unchanged.

Other chemical shares fell as well, with Makhteshim Chemical Works declining 1.75% and Agan Chemical Manufacturers Ltd. falling 2.25%.

Maof Index-listed Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd. fell 0.5%. Teva's ADRs, which closed unchanged at 44 1/2 Tuesday, were down 1/4.

Investment companies Africa Israel and IDB Holdings fell 1.75%. Osem Investments Ltd. fell 3%, and Bezeq Ltd. fell 0.25%.

Banking shares on the Maof Index were mixed with Bank Hapoalim rising 0.75%; First International Bank rising 0.25% and Bank Leumi declining 0.5%.

Bank Hapoalim is "now a good buy; it's trading at a good price," said Shatzman. Yesterday investment firm Salomon Brothers announced it had initiated coverage of the bank with a "buy" recommendation.

Gaining shares also included Two-Sided Index-listed Mofet Israel Technology Fund Ltd., which rose for a second day, gaining 1.25%. Investors are speculating Orkit Communications Ltd., in which Mofet holds a stake, will file to sell shares on Wall Street, said Shatzman.

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# Lancs, Northants to meet in B&H final

LONDON (Reuters) - A brilliant 81 from Warren Hegg and some desperate hitting from the tail saw defending champions Lancashire book their place in the Benson and Hedges Cup final with a thrilling one-wicket win from the last ball of their semi-final against Yorkshire yesterday.

Their opponents in the final at Lords on July 13 will be Northamptonshire which completed a 27-run win over Warwickshire at Northampton.

The roses match at Old Trafford produced a classic game with fortunes swinging either way right up to the last ball when number 11 Peter Martin carved Craig White into the covers and beat Michael Vaughan's fierce return to collect the two runs still required.

Chasing Yorkshire's 250 for five after Tuesday's rain-hit day, Lancashire had crashed to 97 for five before some inspired

batting from Neil Fairbrother and Warren Hegg put them back in line for their fifth final in nine years.

Fairbrother made a rapid 59 but when he was cleverly run out by White, sidefooting the ball at the stumps, Lancashire was still 90 runs short and the game had swung back to Yorkshire.

Hegg, however, produced an inspired performance, which won him the man of the match award, as he smashed 81 from just 62 balls. When he was bowled by White, Yorkshire again looked the likely winners but Martin and Chapple scrambled the eight runs still needed from the last over.

Yorkshire's commanding total came by virtue of an undefeated 167-run fifth-wicket partnership between Australian Michael Bevan (95 not out) and Richard Blakey (80) after Yorkshire had slumped to 83 for five.

Northants, who won the trophy for the only time in 1980, secured their place in the final thanks to some inspired fielding from Tim Walton whose two brilliant runouts spoiled Warwickshire's hopes of a return to Lords.

Resuming on 91 for three after rain washed away a large chunk of Tuesday's play, Warwickshire, which has reached five of the last six one-day finals, made brisk progress towards its victory target of 221.

Stroke-makers Dominic Ostler, Paul Smith and Trevor Penney took the score on to 149 for four before Walton, who had rescued his side with a gutsy unbeaten 70 the previous day, struck from the outfield.

Racing in from deep mid-wicket as Penney came back for a second, he hit the stumps from 40 meters for a crucial run-out.

Two overs later he pounced again as Smith tried to pinch a single to backward point and again knocker down the stumps, this time at the bowler's end.

Warwickshire fell to pieces, slipping to 159 for eight with 10 overs to spare. Captain Dermot Reeve - so often his side's savior in crucial clashes - did his best to stop the rot but ran out of partners as the visitors were bowled out for 193.

The 23-year-old Walton, brought in for out-of-form opener Alan Fordham, was named man of the match.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire beat Warwickshire by 27 runs. Northamptonshire 220-7 (innings closed), T. Walton 70 not out, Warwickshire 193 in 47.5 overs.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire beat Yorkshire by one wicket. Yorkshire 250-5 (innings closed), M. Bevan 95 not out, R. Blakey 80 not out, Lancashire 251-9 (innings closed), W. Hegg 81, N. Fairbrother 59.

# Israel names Atlanta squad

HEATHER CHAIT

THIRTY-seven days before the Olympic Games open in Atlanta, the Israeli delegation was named yesterday in Tel Aviv.

Twenty-four athletes and 13 coaches are included in the squad which, together with officials, will number approximately 50.

The team consists of Yael Arad, Oren Smadja (judo), Gocha Chichiasvili (wrestling), Nir and Ran Chantal, Shani Kedmi and Anat Fabrikant, Gal Friedman (maritime), Rogel Nabum, Constantin Matushevich, Constantin Simyonev, Danny Krasnov (track and field), Vacislav Ivanovsky (weightlifting), Boris Polak, Alex Tripolski, Guy Starek (shooting), Lydia Hatoel-Zuckerman, Ayellet Ohayon, Liliach Parisky (fencing), Vacislav Neiman (boxing), Yoav Bruck, Vadim Alexeev, Dan Kutler and Eytan Orbach (swimming).

Kayaker Lior Carmi is the only athlete whose inclusion is still dependent on the international kayaking body's rules.

The Olympic flag will be borne by Barcelona silver medalist Arad at the opening ceremony on July 19 and delegation head is Yoram Oberkovich.

The last-minute hype surrounding athletes skirting the squad came to naught as after 24 hours deliberation, officials decided not to head to any of their pleas.

Both Guy Fogel and Amit Leng, judokas in the 60-kilogram category, will remain at home as well as archer Yaron Kolesnik who had been awarded a free ticket to the Games on political grounds.

Director of the Elite Sports Unit, Itzik Ben-Melech, was wary about bringing home medals. "No one in the team is the best in the world but we have athletes like Oren and Gocha who are among the best in their field. If we have five or six athletes in the final, it will be considered a success."

When asked why the Israeli criteria were often more stringent than the international ones, Ben-Melech answered, "In 1996 we demand results."

For Atlanta, unlike Barcelona (where 30 Israelis participated), the athletes had to produce results from world or European championships, not minor events.

Notwithstanding the low profile, monetary incentives for medals are already in place. A gold medal will see the athlete rewarded with NIS 500,000, a silver will earn NIS 300,000, and a bronze NIS 200,000. The respective coaches will receive half of this figure. A fourth to eighth place will also be compensated.

In this Olympic centennial year, 14 family members of athletes murdered in the Munich Olympics, have been invited by the Israel delegation to Atlanta.

# Jackson mulls taking year off

SEATTLE (AP) - Phil Jackson could live without coaching next season.

With his team on the verge of winning a fourth National Basketball Association title in six years, he said Tuesday that if the Chicago Bulls aren't ready to use dollars to show how much they want him, he's ready to sit out the 1996-97 season.

You have to have options in life," said Jackson, whose team was scheduled to play the Seattle SuperSonics last night and possibly clinch the NBA Finals.

In seven seasons, the 50-year-old coach has put together the best winning percentage in NBA history, both in the regular season (.721) and playoffs (.739).

After setting a record with 72 victories this season, his Bulls are 14-1 in the playoffs. Jackson feels very good about coaching these days, yet he is willing to walk away from the game.

"I always said that seven years is the cycle of man, the cycle of growth," said Jackson, a proponent of Zen philosophy. "I had earmarked this as the year that I would finish up, take a year off."

"But being prepared to do it and being forced into doing it are two different things."

Jackson's contract expires July 1, and the Chicago Tribune reported that the Bulls are offering him \$1.65 million a year. The New Jersey Nets just hired John Calipari, a college coach who never has been involved in the NBA, for \$3 million a season.

Jackson, who has a base salary this season of \$866,000, might have been a candidate for New Jersey and several other positions. But as the Bulls rolled through the playoffs, one job after another became filled. So taking next season off might be Jackson's best option. Then, he'd be able to assess future openings.

"Phil's decision is going to be well backed-up by his players," Scottie Pippen said. "If he decides to take a year off, who knows? Maybe the whole team will join him."

**NBA Finals**  
Best-of-7  
Last night: Chicago at Seattle  
Tomorrow: Chi. at Sea. (if necessary) (Chicago leads series 3-0)  
Last night's game will be broadcast today at 7 am on ITV Channel 3 (Cable 33).



CLOWNING AROUND - England soccer star Paul Gascoigne shows off his skills to teammates Gareth Southgate and Paul Ince during a training session. England plays Scotland on Saturday.

# Venables: Tabloids are 'traitors'

LONDON (Reuters) - England coach Terry Venables has accused the country's tabloid newspapers of being traitors to his Euro 96 squad and turning the public against them.

Venables' outburst was prompted by front page stories and pictures of England trio Teddy Sheringham, Sol Campbell and Jamie Redknapp in a nightclub after the disappointing 1-1 draw with Switzerland on Saturday.

"I know a few of the lads are starting to think some papers are traitors to us, turning the public against them. What's the aim of

that?" asked Venables. "We would like them to try and help us win games. We're at home, which should be an advantage, but the support isn't as strong as it should be and the advantage is disappearing."

The tabloid spotlight has fallen on England again following complaints by Cathy Pacific airline that some of the players had caused £5,000 of damage on a flight home from a recent Far East tour.

Media outrage at the incident was fueled by photographs of team members with shirts ripped and clutching beer bottles at a birthday

party for Paul Gascoigne at a Hong Kong nightclub.

The trio pictured drinking after England's game against the Swiss were on a two-day break Venables had allowed his players following their Weimbley opener.

"I can't understand why things are portrayed like this," said Venables at their first training session back together. "If the players are going to relax then let them, as long as they don't upset anyone."

"They had permission to go home for a couple of days as they will be in the hotel from now until next Tuesday, so why shouldn't

they have a drink?"

"After all, the Italians and Spaniards have wine with every meal, and the Germans and Dutch organize nights out. When the Irish go out for a drink everyone thinks it's fine, yet when it comes to us there's a different attitude altogether."

**Yesterday:** No games scheduled  
**Today:** (At Newcastle) Bulgaria vs. Romania, 8:30 pm; (At Birmingham) Switzerland vs. Netherlands, 9:30 pm.  
**Tomorrow:** (At Nottingham) Portugal vs. Turkey, 8:30 pm; (At Liverpool) Czech Republic vs. Italy, 9:30 pm.  
All games televised live on Channel 1

# It's Grant in, Kashtan out, at Maccabi Tel Aviv

ORI LEWIS

DROR Kashtan's demands from Maccabi Tel Aviv have cost him his job and Avraham Grant will, after all, be the National League soccer champions' coach for the next five seasons.

The shock news came in the early hours of yesterday morning, following news that Kashtan had fallen out with the club he has coached for the past season, after making demands which were clear the club would be unable or unwilling to bow to.

Kashtan had asked for a long-term contract and the dismissal of administrative manager, Shimon Korek. Neither, however, were demands which the club was prepared to discuss and Kashtan was promptly shown the door.

Grant's appointment thus comes one season earlier than planned, as it was expected that Kashtan would see out his two-year contract with the club before handing over to the man who has been in charge at Hapoel Haifa for the past season.

But the changing of the guard at Maccabi was not all smooth sailing. While it was clear yesterday that Kashtan would not continue with the Tel Aviv club, the appointment of Grant was only confirmed once Hapoel Haifa chairman Rubie Shapira had been contacted in Europe.

Shapira gave the go-ahead for Grant to move back south, and he is taking his loyal assistant, Emanuel Ophir, with him. Grant's contract with Maccabi is said to be for five seasons, a period during which the club hopes to build a solid base under private ownership and become a contender on the European stage.

In the interim, Hapoel Haifa has been left high and dry. The club was due to begin training with Grant yesterday ahead of the summer's Interotto Cup competition in Europe, but so far a replacement coach has not been found. Shapira has said he is looking for a coach in Europe and he does not plan to sign an Israeli to the position for this season, at least.

# Report: Schott will be suspended

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Controversial Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott will be suspended from day-to-day control of the team, according to a report by the cable sports network ESPN.

Citing unidentified sources, ESPN reported Tuesday night that the suspension was expected to run through the 1997 season.

It said some baseball officials were pushing for the ban to last longer, perhaps through 1999 after which Schott's partnership agreement to run the Reds expires.

Acting Commissioner Bud Selig held a news conference on

Tuesday to announce the hiring of a marketing director to improve the sport's tarnished image, but he gave no indication of the impending decision on Schott, whose recent conduct he has called worse than embarrassing.

"That's for tomorrow. Today's job is introducing Greg Murphy," Selig said when asked about any ruling on Schott, which was to be handed down by baseball officials late last night.

Baseball's ruling Executive Council will name an interim president to assure Schott does not run the Reds through a hand-picked replacement, ESPN reported.

**TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS:** Pittsburgh 7, San Francisco 2; Chicago 9, Philadelphia 2; Montreal 3, Florida 2; Atlanta 4, New York 3 (13); Colorado 7, Houston 5; St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 3; Cincinnati 4, San Diego 1.

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Montreal	35	28	558	Baltimore	33	27	550
Florida	31	32	482	Toronto	26	37	413
Philadelphia	29	34	452	Boston	25	37	403
New York	27	35	436	Detroit	16	48	260
Central Division				Central Division			
Houston	33	32	508	Cleveland	41	21	661
St. Louis	30	33	478	Chicago	40	22	645
Pittsburgh	30	34	469	Minnesota	31	31	500
Chicago	29	34	460	Milwaukee	29	32	475
Cincinnati	24	33	421	Kansas City	28	36	438
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San Diego	36	28	563	Texas	39	24	619
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# Israel, Greece to hold joint naval exercises

ISRAEL and Greece have agreed to conduct joint naval exercises by the end of the year as part of an Israeli effort to defuse opposition to its military cooperation with Turkey, Israeli officials said yesterday.

The officials said Israel and Greece signed an accord for naval exercises 18 months ago, but never implemented the agreement. But to assuage Athens, concerned over the increasing Israeli military ties to its longtime rival Turkey, Israel recently proposed to Greece that they conduct joint naval maneuvers.

Greece agreed, Israeli officials said, and the exercises will be held in the eastern Mediterranean.

President Ezer Weizman, who wrapped up a two-day visit to Istanbul last night, also called on Egypt to consider joint air exercises with Israel. The government

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ISTANBUL

of President Hosni Mubarak has been a vocal opponent of the Israeli-Turkish military cooperation.

"If Egypt wants to exercise with our air force, Ahlan WaSahlan (they are welcome)," Weizman said.

But Israeli officials said Weizman's call does not reflect a formal Israeli request to Cairo. "We don't think the Egyptians would agree so there is no point in an official proposal," an official said. "The president is telling the Egyptians that what Israel is doing with Turkey can also happen with Egypt."

The president spent most of yesterday meeting with foreign leaders as well as leading Turks. The

Turkish politicians expressed support for their country's relationship with Israel, despite Arab objections.

"The agreement between the two countries cannot be considered against the interests of any country in the region," said outgoing Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz.

His predecessor, Tansu Ciller, agreed "It is something both governments have agreed to," she said. "It cannot be retracted."

For his part, Weizman said he discussed with Ciller "Turkey's problems," an allusion to the efforts by the Welfare Party to form an Islamic-led government. But, mindful of his previous suggestion that the Turkish army would stop such a coalition, he refused to elaborate. "Who am I to give advice and how to form governments and how not to form governments?" he asked.

# Shahak: At least two terror squads took part in ambush

AT least two Hizbullah guerrilla squads took part in Monday's fatal ambush, and a Hizbullah gunman may have strolled among the dead and wounded Israeli soldiers, Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said yesterday.

Shahak made the remarks following a visit to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, where he met with five of the eight soldiers wounded in the ambush. Two of the wounded were listed in serious but stable condition.

Before visiting the hospital, Shahak, accompanied by OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Amiram Levine, toured the site of the ambush along the Ali Taher ridge in the security zone.

"War with Hizbullah means we have to constantly examine what

**ARIEH O'SULLIVAN**

we can do better to prevent Hizbullah from having successes, and harm Hizbullah as much as we can in every place where they are. This is exactly what we are going to do," Shahak said.

Shahak said the fire-fight took place at very close range, between two or three meters.

"Maybe even one of the terrorists passed between some of the people in the [IDF] force. There were at least two terrorist squads. I believe that most of the people were wounded in the first seconds with the first burst of fire," Shahak said.

He said the fire-fight lasted about 10 minutes.

The Hizbullah gunman who opened fire on the Israeli squad as

it returned from an all-night ambush reportedly popped out from behind the brush, bandoliers of bullets hanging from his neck, and fired at least 150 rounds from a PK heavy machine gun, *Ha'aretz* reported.

Shahak asked reporters accompanying him to leave him in private with the wounded soldiers so he could hear their version of the attack. He later said the military inquiry had not yet found any significant flaw in the way the soldiers behaved.

"When the whole investigation is completed we'll know exactly what happened," Shahak told reporters.

The army is expected to wrap up the inquiry over the weekend, and submit it at the beginning of next week.

# Third Way, Likud 'making progress'

THE Third Way and Likud were "making progress" toward coming up with a clause in the coalition guidelines on the Golan that is acceptable to both parties, Third Way MK Yehuda Harel said yesterday.

"We have not yet reached agreement, but we are on the way," said Harel, after an afternoon meeting with the Likud's negotiating team on the draft of the new government's guidelines.

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Earlier in the day, Third Way leaders expressed disappointment in the clause on the Golan, saying that it did not go far enough.

"In the guidelines it is written that Israel will ensure that the Golan stays part of Israel," Third Way leader Avigdor Kahalani said. "But why should they ensure this in the future? Why don't they do it now?" Kahalani said that "If I read

between the lines, there is room for suspicion. They wrote it this way to leave the door open. There are things you leave the door open on, and there are other things on which you need to close the door. We need to remain on the Golan, period."

Harel said that so far the Third Way has only negotiated with the Likud about the government's guidelines, and not about the distribution of portfolios.

# Public warned against liquid silicone injections

THE Health Ministry yesterday warned the public not to undergo injections of liquid silicone for temporarily removing skin wrinkles, widening the lips and

increasing breast size. Such services have been widely advertised in the press in the past few years, but the ministry had issued no previous warnings.

The ministry urged anyone who intends to have cosmetic treatments to first check whether the material used has been approved by the ministry. *Judy Siegel*

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# Experts: If guilty, then bar Eitan from any cabinet post

IT is still not clear exactly what Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's ruling was with regard to which portfolio Rafael Eitan can or cannot receive. However, legal experts were unanimous yesterday in saying that if Ben-Yair has indeed decided to bar Eitan from certain ministries, but not all, this decision would be irrational.

The reasoning behind Ben-Yair's reported decision was apparently as follows: In its 1993 ruling barring Aryeh Deri from any ministerial post because of the indictment against him, the High Court of Justice explicitly said that not all indictments

should deny a person the right to be a minister. Since the crime of which Eitan is suspected does not involve moral turpitude, this exception clause may apply to him. However, the alleged crime involved obtaining confidential personal data from the IDF computer database and using it to pressure fellow Tsomet activists to leave the party. Therefore, it is better not to put him in a position where he would have access to confidential databases.

## BACKGROUND

**EVELYN GORDON**

Prof. Asher Maoz of Tel Aviv University Law School noted there is a precedent for barring a person from one specific ministry: Following the Kahan report on the Sabra and Shatila massacre, their attorney-general Yitzhak Zamir ruled that Ariel Sharon could no longer serve as defense minister.

"I would understand if [Ben-Yair] said [Eitan] cannot be the justice minister," Maoz said, explaining that these are posts involved in the administration of justice, where the perception of integrity is very important. "Just because someone is not fit for one post does not mean he is not fit for any post."

"But if I'm afraid to give him access to databases, I don't know that I would want him in the government at all," he continued.

"First of all, I'm not sure there's any government ministry which doesn't have access to databases... But more than that, any cabinet minister receives very sensitive information," he said, noting that the parameter set by the High Court was what an appointment would do to the public's trust in the government. "After all, the man would be participating in

examining the division of authority between the justice minister, the Supreme Court president, the attorney-general and the state attorney, and he recommended that the new government do so, if it can be done without looking like the outgrowth of personal quarrels among these office-holders. Each of these four offices derives its authority from a patchwork of different laws, with no general view of what the division of labor should be, he said.

If such a committee were established, he continued, one of the issues it should consider is the attorney-general's term of office. Currently, the attorney-general serves at the cabinet's discretion, and this creates a concern that he might become too subservient to the cabinet. However, he said, a system such as that in place for the state comptroller, where the appointment is for one five-year term with the possibility of a second, could create even greater subservience, due to a desire for reappointment.

## LIBA'I GIVES BEN-YAIR STRONG SUPPORT

**EVELYN GORDON**

JUSTICE Minister David Liba'i expressed strong support for Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair yesterday, at his final meeting with journalists.

"The attorney-general is doing his job," he said, when asked about what Likud sources have charged is a politically motivated wave of indictments. Ben-Yair announced that he planned to indict Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (Likud) on Monday, and he appears to be about to indict Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan as well.

Liba'i explained that the attorney-general's job is first and foremost to decide on cases within a reasonable time frame. In Eitan's case, the police investigation ended only recently; in Olmert's case, Ben-Yair was awaiting the outcome of a trial of others involved in the same affair, and this trial ended only three months ago.

However, he said, there is also the fact that both cases are suddenly relevant, because both men were being considered for ministerial



President Ezer Weizman (right) shares a laugh with UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali as they leave the Lutfi Kirdar Center in Istanbul yesterday. They were attending a plenary session of the UN Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II). (AP)

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Jerusalem 15-27  
Tel Aviv 18-28  
Haifa 20-23  
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Afula 18-23  
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Beersheva 18-31  
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Rome	15	25	cloudy
Sydney	15	25	cloudy
Tel Aviv	18	28	cloudy
Toronto	10	15	cloudy
Washington	15	25	cloudy
Zurich	10	15	cloudy

**Winning cards**

In yesterday's Mifal Hapaysis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, king of hearts, nine of diamonds and nine of clubs.

# US concerned over Russian restrictions on Agency

**HILLEL KUTTLER**  
WASHINGTON

THE State Department said yesterday that it views Russia's restrictions on Jewish Agency activity with "great concern," but that lower-level bureaucrats rather than their official government policy was likely responsible.

Department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters that US ambassador Thomas Pickering met Tuesday with Moscow chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt and would meet him again today as a "very clear demonstration" of the US's concern.

The *Washington Post* reported yesterday that the Russian government has moved to curb the activities of the agency.

In a report from Moscow, the newspaper said in recent weeks the government had ordered the closure of a number of regional offices of the agency.

Quoting the chief rabbi of Moscow and other unidentified sources, the *Post* said Russian authorities ordered the closure within 72 hours of the Jewish Agency office in Pyatigorsk, a southern Russian town which is a key departure point for Jews going to Israel.

# Peres, Hussein to receive Liberty Medal

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Prime Minister Shimon Peres and King Hussein of Jordan, hailed for their pursuit of peace in the Middle East, have been chosen as co-recipients of the 1996 Philadelphia Liberty Medal.

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